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### OUTLINES.

The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision yesterday ousting the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Company, from the State, and forbidding them ever again to do business in Missouri——Thomas F. Ryan, one of the greatest financiers in the world, yesterday announced that, yielding to the advice of his physicians, he has resigned from the directorate of 34 corporations——Six witnesses were examined yesterday before Judge Hart in Nashville, Tenn., on the application for bail for Col. Duncan B. Cooper, son, Robin, and former Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with murder of Senator Carmack——The United States Government has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela after an interval of eight months and William L. Buchanan has been sent to look into the situation and make a report——Frederick B. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Company, was found dead at his home in New York yesterday as a result of inhaling gas——The jury in the Samuels case returned a verdict of murder in the second degree in Danville yesterday——Jail sentences were passed yesterday in the Supreme Court of th District of Columbia on President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, the Court held them to be in contempt of court for defying an injunction against the labor organ for defiantly urging the boycott of the Bucks Store and Range Company, of St. Louis. The defendants appealed, and labor unions are petitioning President Roosevelt to interfere with the sentence of the court——A thunderbolt of sensation was exploded in Pittsburg yesterday over the exposure in court of wholesale municipal corruption; sixty members of the Common Council are accused of accepting bribes for their votes and bankers are convicted of bribing its members——All of President-elect Taft's family will spend Christmas with him at Augusta, Ga. Mr. Taft yesterday held a conference with Sir Horace Plunkitt, head of the Irish Department of Agriculture——In the trial of the Night Riders at Union City, Tenn., yesterday, for the murder of Captain Rankin, several members of the band gave damaging evidence for the State. The accused hope to prove an alibi——As the cruiser North Carolina can cross the bar at Charleston, President-elect Taft will sail from there January 25 on his Panama trip.

Speaker Cannon knows when to talk and when to keep his mouth shut.

The Star wishes a merry Christmas to each and every one of its readers and patrons.

Castro seems to be having a good time in Europe. He escaped the racket at home just in time.

Tomorrow is Christmas. We hope you have made up your mind to observe the day in a proper way.

We suppose those who think Bryan can be elected next time will insist on his nomination by the Democratic convention.

If the farmers reduced the acreage in cotton last year, as they said they were going to do, they increased the production to a wonderful amount.

The Durham Herald says it is for a Recorder's court or anything else that will give relief. Durham must be in a bad way.

We hope Mr. Lee H. Battle will be able to explain his way out of the dilemma in which he has been placed by the grand jury of the Federal court.

When Raleigh gets rid of her Mayor and establishes government by a commission we hope the papers of that city will stop kicking against the city government.

That committee of the House is going to hold meetings during recess. It is not going to give the President a chance to get ahead of it on the secret service matter.

With the New Year the State officials will have to tackle the prohibition law and then we will see what the sheriffs and their deputies can do in the way of stopping blockade distilling.

We hope the President in choosing a man for judge in place of the late Judge Purnell will have regard for the fitness of the man he appoints and will not be governed entirely by political interests.

President-elect Taft surprised the whole country by announcing his appointment of Senator Knox as Secretary of State and he gave it a still greater surprise by keeping quiet as to other Cabinet appointments.

The Democrats of the South seem to think that because Taft is going to spend the winter among them he will necessarily make up his Cabinet of Southern Democrats. We can't see why he should be expected to do so.

## SEMINOLE AFFAIRS

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### Insurance Commissioner Young Talks of Recent Investigation in South Carolina.

### SOUTHERN LIFE ALL RIGHT

**Annual Report of Corporation Commission—State Treasurer Talks of North Carolina Finances. Other Raleigh News.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—"After going into the matter thoroughly, there is no doubt in my mind and in the mind of Commissioner McMasters, of South Carolina and others with whom I talked in Columbia, that the whole Seminole Securities Co., was a swindle from its incipiency," was the statement of Hon. J. R. Young, North Carolina Commissioner of Insurance, on his return from Columbia tonight.

The Commissioner wants all in North Carolina who bought stock in the corporation to furnish him with names of agents and he will undertake to prosecute them through Superior Court grand juries in counties where the stock was sold.

Concerning the muddle the Southern Life Co., of Fayetteville, has gotten into with the Seminole Co., in the sale of Southern stock at rather fancy prices, Commissioner Young says the Southern Company is solvent and policy holders are fully protected by more than $100,000 reserve deposit in his hands. He is gratified at the course the officers of the Southern Life are taking to clear their connection with the Seminole deal and show that they have done nothing to be criticised for beyond selling Southern stock at quite high figures, for which they cannot be blamed.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission, in its biennial report to the General Assembly, renews its recommendation that $300 instead of $25 personal property be exempted from taxation; that poll tax be not levied except as a State and county tax and that in no case shall these combined exceed $2 per capita, that statutes authorizing a tax rate greater than 66 2-3 cents on the $100 valuation, State and county tax combined, be not enacted; that the municipal tax rate be so limited that when added to the county tax rate on property, it will not be confiscatory of any class of property; that the constitution be so amended as to allow the General Assembly to so segregate the sources of taxes as to specify upon what subjects there shall be State and upon what subjects local taxation. The Commission says oppressive taxation in this State grows largely out of the State and county, township or district and towns levying on all property. The Commission declares that the result of the inheritance tax was disappointing in that it fell off from $16,000 in 1905 to $4,673 in 1907, due largely, the Commission believes, to failure to enforce the law. It is recommended that some central State officer be directed to see to its enforcement, clerks of the Superior Courts being required to report to him all qualifications of executors and administrators together with copies of inventories of estates.

That North Carolina State banks be allowed to invest some reasonable part of their legal reserve in State bonds is a notable recommendation by State Treasurer B. R. Lacy to the General Assembly to convene January 6th. He thinks this would create home competition for outside bidders for State bonds so bonds can be disposed of to better advantage. He reminds the Legislature, too, in his report just filed with the Governor, that extravagant appropriations have a decided tendency to impair State credit. The readiness with which he borrowed from a New York bank $250,000 with which to meet a deficit in the current expenses the past biennial term is mentioned as evidence of North Carolina's fine commercial standing. This will be due next June and the Treasurer tells the Legislature if there are no appropriations at the approaching session for permanent improvements to over-tax the treasury, there will be ample funds from current revenue to pay off the debt. The balance sheet of the treasury with outstanding obligations shows the $59,542 deficit reported in his correspondence some days ago. The treasurer wants the present revenue act re-enacted with little change as possible and believes that with only conservative maintenance appropriations the State will have ample funds for the next biennial period.

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## THE DISTRICT JUDGESHIP

**Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams Now Said to be Leading Race—Party Machinery Behind Him—J. B. Schulken Endorsed.**

A dispatch late last night from Raleigh states that there is a strong impression among leading Republicans there, this impression amounting almost to a conviction, that ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, Republican State Chairman, will be appointed to the vacancy in the Eastern District of North Carolina, caused by the recent death of Judge Thomas R. Purnell. The dispatch states that party leaders are united for Adams and that his appointment is daily expected.

This will be very disappointing news to the many friends among the bar and among the public of Colonel Harry Skinner, the present district attorney, who until now seemed to be the leading candidate in the race and entitled to the place by right of succession and his splendid qualifications for the bench. In the event of Colonel Skinner's appointment to the judgeship, it was generally regarded here that Mr. Iredell Meares, of Wilmington, would be appointed to the district attorneyship.

That there will be some delay in the appointment is indicated by an order received yesterday at the office of the clerk of the United States Court in Raleigh, appointing Judge James E. Boyd, of the Western District, to hold the courts of the Eastern District until a successor to Judge Purnell is named. The first court is appointed to be held at Newbern on January 5th.

In the same connection, it will be of interest to know that the Columbus county bar has given its unanimous endorsement to Mr. J. Byron Schulken, a leading Eastern North Carolina attorney, the following telegram having been received last night:

Whiteville, N. C., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the Whiteville bar held here today at which every member was present, the following resolution was unanimously and enthusiastically passed:

"Whereas, the office of district judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina is vacant and such vacancy is to be filled by an appointment made by the President of the United States by and with the consent of the United States Senate, and deeming it a privilege as well as the duty of every member of the bar in this district irrespective of political affiliations to use his influence and support in securing the appointment of a man thoroughly competent and well equipped intellectually and temperamentally and, whereas, we are of the opinion that a Republican will receive the appointment to the said judicial office, be it therefore,

"Resolved, That the members of the Whiteville bar in the county of Columbus, confident that Honorable James Byron Schulken, a member of our bar is a Republican of such legal training and ability, well balanced judicial temperament and patriotic devotion to duty as renders him worthy in every respect of such an honor and believing that his appointment would be a credit to his party and an assurance that the bench of the district would maintain a high standard of legal excellence, meriting the respect of our people and winning a place in the judicial records of our country worthy of the able bar of the district, we do therefore, unanimously ask that he be given the appointment to this high office and that the bar of the Eastern District join us in requesting his appointment.

(Signed) David J. Lewis, Jackson Greer, Homer L. Lyon, Donald MacRackan, E. M. Toon, J. R. Williamson, Irvin B. Tucker.

It is believed here by the members of the bar and other friends of Mr. Schulken that his chance of receiving the appointment is good. It is urged that in addition to his unquestionable ability, high standing in the legal profession and spotless character as a man that his political activities and party zeal in years past will add no little in influencing his appointment. Mr. Schulken is 51 years of age and has been an active practitioner at the Whiteville bar for 26 years and is held in very high esteem by all who know him. He represented his county several times in the State Legislature where he took a very prominent part in the passage of several laws many of which have become a permanent part of our statutory law. In 1896 he was a prominent candidate before his party convention for the nomination for Congress from the Sixth Congressional District coming within a fraction of a vote of receiving the nomination on several ballots and was finally defeated by Mr. Martin, who received the nomination and was elected. He was the Republican candidate for Congress from this Congressional district in 1906, making material gains for his party, was a delegate from this district to the National convention at Chicago which nominated Judge Taft for president and was Republican elector from this district at the last election. In devoting his time and talents trying to upbuild the Republican party in his section of the State, he has made himself many strong party friends throughout the State, who his friends here believe will bring strong pressure to bear upon the administration in his behalf.

## SATISFACTORY TEST

### Section of Water Pipe Removed Yesterday Found in Most Excellent Condition.

### TO UNEARTH STILL OTHERS

**Bond Sale Probably Consummated and Negotiations to be Resumed Shortly After Holidays—Six-Inch Test Yet to be Made.**

A thoroughly satisfactory test of the condition of a section of four-inch pipe removed from the system of the Clarendon Water Work Company on Dock, between Front and Water streets, was made yesterday by the Water Committee of the Board of Aldermen.

The main was excavated and a section cut from the pipe in order that the committee might inform itself fully as to the condition of the material in the light of charges that after remaining under ground so many years the pipe had become so corroded and filled up by electrolysis or other chemical action that its former carrying capacity was materially impaired. The removal of the four-inch pipe yesterday demonstrated, even in the minds of members of the committee, that the material was apparently as good as the day it was laid. In fact, several persons familiar with iron stated that the pipe was even better than the same class of material as furnished now and this, too, after it has been under ground 27 years. It was at first thought that a section of the pipe would be removed from lower Princess street, but after consideration, the committee believed that the precipitation there would be so great as to militate against a fair test of the condition of the pipe under a low surface, therefore, the low, flat section of Dock street was determined upon.

After looking at the pipe, members of the committee freely admitted that they were surprised at the condition of the material and one of them said that if the section had been underground for 27 years, it looked to him like it would be good for at least a hundred yet. As a matter of fact, engineers themselves have no data upon which to base a reasonable estimate of the life of cast iron pipe underground.

The committee will later excavate and take up a section of the six-inch pipe, probably on Fourth or Sixth, between Princess and Chesnut streets, and if the same favorable conditions are found, it is expected that negotiations will again be opened with the waterworks company for a purchase of its plant.

An inquiry by telegraph to the City Clerk and Treasurer yesterday as to the form and engraving of the bonds is taken to mean that the purchasers of the securities recently sold are satisfied with all the preliminaries and that the money as proceeds from the sale will be forthcoming in a few days. Soon after the holidays, at any rate, it is expected that the Aldermen will conclude the waterworks question one way or another.

### IN MAYOR'S COURT.

**Two White Men Will Have to Serve Time on Suspended Sentences.**

In the police court yesterday noon, Joe Yates and Tom Brown, young white men, released by the mayor some time ago on suspended judgment of 30 days on the roads pending their good behavior, were tried for an affray and the Mayor ordered that the former sentence be imposed. Another alleged participant in the fight, which occurred Tuesday night, was Louis Yates, who was released by the court after he had proven that he did not actually take part, but acted the part of peacemaker. Clayton Grant, Esq., appeared for the two Yates and took an appeal to higher court in the case of Joe Yates.

Sis Lucas, Peter Evans and Geo. Anders were charged with the larceny of $20 from A. D. Wells, all parties colored, and were discharged for lack of evidence.

"Kid" Lloyd and Charles Burnett answered to the charge of an affray, the latter being fined $5 and the costs, while the case against Lloyd was dismissed. He was represented by Wm. J. Bellamy, Esq.

### APPEAR BEFORE MINISTERS.

**Superintendent G. M. Fomby Appeals From Judgment as to Home.**

Mr. G. M. Fomby, who with Mrs. Fomby, is in charge of the Rescue Home, in the southern part of the city, against which a report was recently made by a committee from the Wilmington Ministerial Association, upon the basis of which the Mayor revoked a permit hitherto granted for the solicitation of support for the institution in the city, returned to the city this week and took cognizance of the action of the ministers. He has made a request, which it is understood has been granted, to appear before the Ministerial Association at its regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A. on next Monday at which time he hopes to vindicate the character of the institution over which he presides and for which he stands sponsor.

## FIVE-MASTER IN PORT

**Schooner Kineo Largest Sailing Vessel to Enter Harbor of Wilmington—Outclasses Fitzjames by Less Than 35 Tons.**

The largest sailing vessel which ever entered the port of Wilmington, stretching hundreds of yards of canvas and outregistering by only 35 net tons, the schooner Fitzjames, which was here only a few months ago and which held the record up to this time, is the five-masted schooner Kineo, 1,867 tons, Captain F. W. Patton, which arrived yesterday from Carteret, N. J., with cargo of acid phosphate for the Pocomoke Guano Co.

The Kineo is built of steel, modernly equipped and fitted in every respect and is owned by Arthur Seawell, the millionaire shipbuilder of Maine. She is 250 feet long, 45 feet beam and 22 feet depth of hold. She draws 21 feet of water and entered yesterday in tow of the tug Sea King with 3,037 tons of acid phosphate for the Wilmington consignees. The Fitzjames, which previously held the tonnage record of sailing craft for the port registered 1,832 tons. The Kineo is consigned to C. D. Maffitt and passed in over the bar Tuesday and will begin discharging cargo at the Seaboard Air Line today or tomorrow. While passing up the river on an unusually low tide yesterday morning she drifted slightly ashore down the river, but the Sea King expected to get her off without damage on high water last evening.

There were two other port arrivals yesterday, the schooner Joel F. Sheppard, Captain Sheppard, from Elizabethport, N. J., with cargo of fertilizer constituents for the Armour Fertilizer Works, and the schooner John H. May, Captain Stille, with cargo of salt from Jersey City, N. J., for the D. L. Gore Co. The vessels are consigned to C. D. Maffitt.

### HAWES-HOGGARD.

**Pretty Wedding Yesterday Afternoon at Atkinson, N. C.**

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Atkinson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Of much interest to a large number of friends here and elsewhere was the pretty marriage this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock of Miss Virginia E. Hawes and Dr. J. T. Hoggard, both popular and highly esteemed young people of the county. The church was beautifully decorated in white and green and was thronged with friends and admirers of the couple. The groom was attended as best man by his friend, Capt. C. H. Cansey, of Burgaw, and the bride as maid of honor by Miss Mattie Hawes. The bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Colvin and Miss Annie Hubbard, and the groomsmen were Messrs. E. A. Hawes, Jr., and Will Hoggard.

The bride was prettily attired in white messaline silk and carried a lovely bouquet of bride's roses. The maid of honor was pretty in pink silk and carried white carnations. The bridesmaids were handsomely gowned in white silk and the scene at the marriage altar was one of great beauty. The ceremony was performed in St. Thomas' Church, the Rev. Edward Wootten, of Wilmington, officiating. The wedding marches were admirably played by Mrs. C. C. Hoggard, of Ahoskie, N. C., a sister of the groom, the party entering the church to the tuneful music of Lohengrin's bridal chorus and during the ceremony "Hearts and Flowers" was softly played with beautiful effect. The exit from the church was to the strains of the ever-popular Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After a most enjoyable reception at the home of the bride's father, Mr. E. A. Hawes, Sr., the bride and groom left on the 7 o'clock train via Wilmington for a bridal trip to Cuba and points in Florida.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. E. A. Hawes, of Atkinson, while the groom is a leading young physician of Atkinson, formerly of Aulander, N. C. They received a large number of useful and handsome wedding gifts, evidencing their great popularity at home and abroad.

**A Business Transfer.**

A business deal consummated yesterday, according to a bill of sale at the court house, conveys the confectionary business of P. Pateeo, which has been conducted for some time at No. 605 North Fourth street, to Geo. Karavia and Hrest Koutho for the sum of $500, the purchasers also assuming the indebtedness of the former owner in the transfer.

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## ONLY A SUSPENSION

### Former Order of Dismissal in Case of Capt. F. B. Rice Revoked By Department.

### LAID OFF FOR NINETY DAYS

**Order is Effective on January 1st and is Confirmed by Proper Authority. Pernicious Activity in Politics.**

The many friends of Captain Fred B. Rice, of this city, government inspector of steamboat hulls for the district including Wilmington, will be interested and pleased to know that he was successful in his effort for a revocation of the recent order of the United States Civil Service Commission, dismissing him from the service for alleged pernicious activity in politics during the recent campaign.

Instead of the peremptory dismissal of the inspector, the department in Washington has made a mere order of suspension for ninety days, which will be effective on the first of January. This news is contained in private advices received in Wilmington and also in a special from its Washington correspondent to yesterday afternoon's Charleston, S. C., Post, as follows:

"The order of the Civil Service Commission to suspend Fred B. Rice, inspector of hulls, for ninety days for political activity has just been approved by the Department of Commerce and Labor. The suspension dates from January 1. The original recommendation of the Civil Service Commission was for removal, but Captain Rice was strong enough politically to have his case reopened."

Several weeks ago a telegram from Washington announced that the civil service commission had recommended the expulsion of Captain Rice from the department and later this was followed with a statement that the case had been reopened and that instead of dismissal Captain Rice would probably simply be suspended. This later conclusion has been borne out by the facts and it will be a source of pleasure to Captain Rice's many friends to learn that since he was to be penalized it has come in the form of a ninety days' suspension from January 1 rather than a dismissal from the service. Captain Rice has held the position of inspector of hulls for several years and has given satisfaction in the office.

Captain Rice during his term of office has spent most of his time in Charleston because of the centrality of the location in the district, but he has continued his residence in Wilmington and it was out of his alleged political activity in this county that the charges were presented to the powers that be in Washington.

### FOOTBALL TOMORROW.

**Savannah and Wilmington to Line Up on League Park Gridiron.**

One of the fastest games of football witnessed in Wilmington this season is promised in the meet tomorrow afternoon of the strong elevens of Wilmington and Savannah, Ga., on the gridiron at New League Park, beginning promptly at 4 o'clock. The Wilmington team, which has already attained a large measure of success on the field this season, will emerge tonight from hard practices during the past week and are confident of winning from the Georgians. The Savannah team will arrive tonight on the late train and after a night's rest will be in excellent trim for the battle tomorrow. The Wilmington team has been considerably strengthened by the addition of several college players and the Savannahians have doubtless also taken the same opportunity of adding strength to their line, so that nothing short of a gilt-edge article of sport may be expected. The hour for the game has been made 4 o'clock in order that all will have ample time to get to the grounds after the traditional abundant Christmas dinner.

### SPECIAL SERMON SUNDAY

**Pastor Fred D. Hale to Speak on New Conditions of Prohibition.**

Instead of the regular sermon Sunday night at the First Baptist church, Pastor Fred. D. Hale will deliver an address on the following subject: "The Going Out of the Licensed Saloon; and the Coming In of the Blind Tiger."

The address will deal particularly with the origin, purpose, principles and work of the recently organized, "Law Enforcement League."

The invitation to the service is as follows: Representatives from all classes of people are invited to hear the address, Jews and Gentiles, Democrats and Republicans, Prohibitionists, citizens of all shades of belief, a common brotherhood, will be interested in a review of the city's history under the reign of the Saloon, and a study of the difficult problem of enforcing the Prohibition Law."

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## NEWSPAPER INACCURIES.

"The publication of a daily newspaper means the production each 24 hours of printed matter that is equivalent to a book. Sometimes people complain of the inaccuries. The marvel is that the news stated in the papers is approximately correct, or that names spelled are one-half spelled right. It transpires also that those who complain most about inaccuries, are the ones from whom the reporters find it most difficult to get a definite statement. If the public would cooperate a little more with news gatherers, it would conduce immensely to the betterment of the news service and to its accuracy."

In the above the Charlotte Chronicle expresses our sentiments exactly and in much better language than we could use. We hope the readers of the Star will carefully note the extract quoted above and govern themselves accordingly. Every live newspaper wants all the local news and is thankful to its friends for bringing to its reporters accounts of all local happenings; and it has no excuse to make to that class of its readers who find fault with it for not publishing as local news such items as are solely within the knowledge of those persons who think it beneath their dignity to have communication with the newspaper reporter, but still complain that the paper does not publish as news such items as are peculiarly within their own knowledge and which they have failed or, perhaps refused, to give to the reporter.

Tomorrow is Christmas. We hope the people of our city will observe it in a proper way. We should remember that it is a day on which the poor and the afflicted are to be remembered. In our rejoicing and merry-making let us remember that there are in our midst a number of people less fortunate than ourselves who have not the means to make it a day of rejoicing and present-giving. By giving to them we can make the day brighter for them and in so doing we will add to our own enjoyment of the day. Let each reader of this article make some one happy by giving a Christmas present tomorrow. No matter how small a one it may be the donor will find the holiday all the more enjoyable because of having done such a deed. Let all of us make up our minds to observe the holiday in the proper way—not as a day of riotous jollification, but as one of true Christian holiday, rejoicing over the benefits received during the year and of aid to those less fortunate than we have been in the past twelve months.

Cotton is down and all other farm products are up. It is just what the Southern farmer may expect. Until he undertakes a diversity of crops he must expect to be left when it comes to evening up prices of farm products.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

—A chorus of applause would probably follow the decision of the French court that neither Castellan nor Sagan was a proper person to have charge of Anna Gould's children, but that they should be turned over to a school It is a hardship and injustice to the children that they should be brought up in the atmosphere that now surrounds them, or would surround them if they were turned over to their father.—Savannar News.

—One way to show how the tariff has made Mr. Carnegie rich beyond the dreams of avarice at the expense of every consumer is to state, quoting Alfred Henry Lewis, that if Mr. Carnegie's income was paid him in gold, and all at once, it would take fifty two-horse drays, each carrying a ton of gold, making a procession two furlongs in length, to accomplish the delivery, a golden quarter of a mile and a gold by the ton!—News and Observer.

—Last week the writer had occasion to call attention to a wealthy youth who turned his old father out of doors because, as he told the judge, the old man "had become a nuisance." Since that time the press dispatches have carried in detail the stories of two patricides. In the latter cases the question of marriage and a division of property led to the killing of the older men. Is there something lacking in the home education of the present generation of sons? It would seem so. The home life of the old days is fast becoming a mere memory—Asheville Citizen.

—Speaker Cannon says that the Czar would remain in the House even if he should vacate the chair. That is an effort to bully the members of the new House of Representatives into bearing the ills they have rather than fly to others that they know not of. But the Speaker gets his power from the rules, and if the members of the House should conclude to dissolve the trust that controls its proceedings and exercise their constitutional rights Mr. Cannon, or his successor, would find that the House could get along with a presiding officer and without a Czar.—Philadelphia Record.

—Neither Carnegie nor Rockefeller has made much more than a beginning in the distribution of his vast fortune. Where can they dispose of them without public injury? What will be the moral and mental attitude of the people fifty years hence, if billions should be flung at them in public benefactions and the face of the country should be dotted over with benevolent institutions with vast trust funds at their disposal for all sorts of purposes? Will it be any better than it would be under Socialism? If we are to have a social order with multimillionaires at the top and the common people at the bottom dependent on them for public favors, for industrial initiative, and for all the advantages accruing from the ability to employ large sums of money in the public's behalf, we shall have what some Socialist has happily termed benevolent feudalism. Is that really what we are coming to?—Springfield Republican.

—Senator Knox's acceptance of the State Department assures a steady, unemotianal and thoroughly competent conduct of foreign relations under the new administration. In seeking a Secretary of this type, Mr. Taft shows, what was otherwise abundantly evident, that he wants quiet but able men about him. It is impossible to imagine Mr. Knox doing anything explosive. The fact that he has been a corporation lawyer, and that by his exposure of the unconstitutionality of Mr. Roosevelt's original railway rates bill, he got on the list of undesirables, has not deterred Mr. Taft in looking for special skill and the judicial temperament wherever they were to be found. He is quoted as saying that Senator Knox was not merely a man in public life who was a highly qualified Secretary, but the 'only one.' This is a little hard on the others. Senator Lodge, for example, will be inclined to resent it, after his long service on the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Senate. Lodge has, indeed, been mentioned by his friends for the State Department, but, though Massachusetts would have been proud to see him disappear from the Senate, the country will think itself lucky to get Senator Knox instead.—New York Post.

—Some days ago this paper printed a criticism of Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake because she had been represented as saying that "in the course of the next hundred years there would be in this country a strain of negro blood in all its inhabitants." The News and Observer made a mistake in either copying that statement or commenting upon it without investigation, but having seen it in the Charleston News and Courier supposed it was correct. The Raleigh Evening Times, with commendable good judgment, wrote to Mrs. Blake, who wrote that paper as follows: "I am quoted as having made a statement which I must utterly repudiate. I was born in Raleigh. My father, George Polk Devereux, had large plantations and many slaves. Bishop Leonidas Polk was my uncle by marriage. Towards the dark people who cared for my childhood, I have ever the kindliest feelings, but it never occurrred to me to approve the mixture of the races, nor did I ever utter any words which could be so construed. My home has long been in New York, but I have always loved the people of the South, my early friends and companions, and I do not like to be misrepresented among them." Spoken like a North Carolina woman and this paper gladly copies her frank statement and regrets its criticisms of the incorrect view attributed to Mrs. Blake.—News and Observer.

## TWINKLINGS.

—"Literary returns are slow are they not?" "No; I get my manuscript back fast enough."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—"You seem to manage remarkably well on your housekeeping money." "Yes; the storekeepers haven't sent in their bills yet."—Stray Stories.

—"He met a couple of highwaymen on a lonely road." "What did they do to him?" "Only took his watch." "Just passed the time of day as it were."—Nashville American.

—"What did Baker do when he discoveerd that his wife and chauffeur had planned to elope in his car?" "He oiled it thoroughly and put it in first-class shape."—Brooklyn Life.

—"Yes," remarked Farmer Hodge, "my boy Joe gets a good deal o' fun out o' motor cars." "But he doesn't own a machine?" "Of course not. He's one o' the constables."—Express-Gazette.

—Hobo—No, madam, I am neither a socialist nor an anarchist. I am a passive altruist. Housekeeper—And what in the name of common sense is that? Hobo—I believe in being helped all I can.—Boston Transcript.

—"My poor man, how did you acquire such a thirst?" "It wuz dis-away, mister; when de doctor operated on me for appendercitis he forgot an' left a sponge inside o' me."—Boston Traveler.

—"I have written a book that everybody ought to read," said the author. "I am afraid it won't do," answered the publisher. "What the public seems to want now is a book that nobody ought to read."—Washington Star.

—Ella—I saw Fred this morning. Stella—Haw was he looking? Ella—Pretty glum—just as if something had taken the roses and sunshine out of his life. Tell me, dear, have you promised to marry him?—Chicago Daily News.

—A man went to hell, and was walking about putting on so many airs that the devil said to him: "Say! You go about here as if you owned the place." "I do!" reflected the man. "My wife gave it to me just before I died."—Life.

—"You and that little Wattles boy seem to play very nicely together," said Johnny's mother. "I am glad there is one boy in the neighborhood that you can get along with." "Yes," replied Johnny. "I lick him every morning and then he's nice to me all day."—Chicago Record-Herald.

—"When Brinsted got $5,000,000 his family began to yearn to break into New York society. Chicago had become too 'crass' for them." "The old man must have kept on getting more and more. I hear that his wife and daughter are sick in New York and want to live in England now."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## MR. BAILEY EXPLAINS.

### Tells of Threats of Goddard at Blackmail—Divorce Action Begun.

(Winston Journal.)

Waycross, Ga., Dec. 21.—When asked tonight by a representative of The Journal for a statement of the arrest of Chas. Goddard, Mr. Bailey said that he married the woman known as Mrs. Chas. Goddard in Baltimore, Md., May 5, 1908, when he was not in a condition of mind to form a contract; that he (Bailey) had brought proceedings for the annulment of the marriage and received a signed statement from the woman that he did not know what he was doing when the ceremony took place and that he would not have done so had he realized what he was doing.

The annulment of the marriage was to have taken place at the December term of Forsyth county court at Winston-Salem, but owing to the fact that Goddard threatened to make the woman fight the case for alimony, and had employed counsel for the woman, Mr. Bailey had to hold up the proceedings to keep down publicity. Goddard's attorney made Mr. Bailey a proposition to settle for a thousand dollars cash, which was promptly refused by Mr. Bailey

Goddard then got very bold and sent word from Charleston by a negro man named Matthews that he (Goddard) was fighting the case and had employed counsel, and that unless Mr. Bailey wired money at once he would send the woman to Winston-Salem and make public the affair.

The negro Matthews informed Bailey upon his return to Winston-Salem that the woman had begged Goddard frequently while in his presence to desist from fighting the case, but Goddard refused to hear to it and insisted upon a monetary consideration. Mr. Bailey does not know whether he will prosecute Goddard for blackmail or not, but has the matter under advisement. The man and woman are both in jail awaiting the January term of court.

### When Life Was Little Valued.

The 223 capital offenses which the old English law recognized as punishable by death did not keep down crime, and with the abolition of the death penalty for all crimes but murder crime in England, as well as everywhere else all over the world where the death penalty has been modified, lessened markedly, notes the Boston Traveler.

Edmond Burke said that he could in his time obtain the assent of the house of commons to any bill that carried the death punishment.

A man's life was not very valuable in those strenuous days. If he scratched his name on Westminster bridge, if he wore a wig or false mustache or any other disguise on a public road, if he cut down a young tree, if he stole property worth more than $1.25, if he had been transported for crime and returned a day ahead of the expiration of his term of punishment, if he wrote a threatening letter, if he stole a hide from a tanner's, for any and all of these things and for 200 more than these he was hanged by the neck until he was dead.

### Loading Freight by Cards.

"I don't know whether the practice is still kept up in the far south, but I remember how tickled I was at seeing the method used in loading goods into freight cars down in Mississippi some while ago," said a railroad man of St. Louis.

"A lot of strapping black fellows will be on the job under the supervision of a white man, who will be issuing orders with great volubility. 'Put this aboard the king of diamonds; take this to the ace of hearts; load this on the ten of spades; this to the jack of clubs,' and so on, and then you'll notice each one of the long line of freight cars has tacked on it some one of the fifty-two cards composing a full deck. The Senegambian loafers for the most part were ignorant of letters and figures, but every man of them knew the pasteboard emblems which he had often handled in games of seven up. That next to craps is the chief diversion of the colored sports of Dixie."—Baltimore American.

### Cruel Spring.

The talk in the village hostelry had been on the subject of vegetable freaks, but at length it veered round to goats.

"Did ever you keep a goat, Bill?" inquired a gray whiskered gentleman in a corner seat.

"Did I ever!" answered the little man addressed with rustic familiarity. "I bought one last Christmas what nearly brought me to the work'us. Eat anything, from tins o' blackin' to flatirons, that goat would. Lucky thing for me the spring killed it."

"I didn't know the seasons affected goats," observed the gray whiskered gentleman.

"Who's talkin' about seasons?" came the reply. "It was the spring of our alarm clock what 'e made a meal of one day as done it!"—London Express.

### Generally the Case.

"I wish you would mention this to Jinks. It is highly important."

"I'll mention it to him today."

"But how do you know you will see him today?"

"I'm bound to bump into him. I owe him money."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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"Excuse me, sir," interrupted the prisoner, "but I think I'd much rather stick to my old trade."

"Well," said the grave and reverend seignior, "we always like prisoners to work at their own trades when possible. But"—

"Oh, that's simple!" interrupted the prisoner eagerly. "I should like the chance of going round selling on commission the things the other fellows make."—London Scraps.

### Got the Best of Carlyle.

The Rev. Thomas Alexander, a Presbyterian minister, long resident in Chelsea and well known as a brother Scot, was most anxious to know Carlyle, but had no opportunity of getting an introduction to him. One day in the King's road he saw Carlyle coming in his direction and took advantage of the opportunity by going up to the sage and saying, "Thomas Carlyle, I believe?" Carlyle's reply was, "Tom Alexander, I know!" They became good friends, and later Mr. Alexander wrote to Carlyle for a subscription toward a school building fund, and Carlyle wrote back a refusal in doggerel, whereupon Mr. Alexander replied that if he did not send him £5 he would sell his poetry to a collector or publish it. The £5 was at once forthcoming.

### Hopeless.

Martha, endeavoring to instruct a would be housekeeper in the mysteries of pudding making, was overheard.

"Yer jes' takes some bread en"—

"But how much bread, Martha?"

"Oh, jes' what yer needs, Miss Min, en den yer puts yo' milk on it"—

"And how much milk, Martha?"

"Well, yer mus' use yer jedgment 'bout dat, Miss Min."

"But I haven't any judgment, Martha."

"Well, de Lord he'p yer, Miss Min, 'cause I can't."—Travel Magazine.

### A Pointer.

"You can always tell an actor whose season has not been prosperous," said Mr. Stormington Barnes.

"How?"

"He won't talk with you five minutes without saying that the public doesn't appreciate art."—Washington Star.

### You've Met Him.

"How do you like your new neighbor?"

"Oh, he's the kind of man that saves his longest story to tell while we are holding the front door open for him to go."

### Right on the Job.

Indignant Citizen (to office boy)—Your confounded paper had an outrageous attack on me this morning, and— Office Boy (briskly)—Yessir. How many copies will you have?

### To Borrow.

Grimsey—What is the psychological moment? Cholley—It is when you get a tip on a dead sure thing and do not happen to have the money to back it up.—New Orleans World.

Modesty is only another name for self knowledge.—Hare.

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### The God of Murderers.

In a certain mountain village called Laituk, on the northwest frontier of Burma, is a sacred pool, in which is said to live a nat—i. e., a demon—called Shearpaniai, who is the guardian spirit of murderers. When a murder is committed anywhere in these hills, the water of this pool is reported to turn blood red.

Now, when this happens it is a warning sign to the villagers, who are the wardens of the pool, to be on their guard lest the murderer, whoever he may be and from whatever village he may come unobserved, succeed in reaching the pool, for the Chin law or custom is that if a murderer manages to elude the "avengers of blood" (who are usually some near blood relatives of the victim) and the vigilance of the guardians of the pool and succeeds in gaining it and washes his hands in its blood red water, which as soon as this occurs resumes its usual appearance, testifying that the god of murder is appeased, he is absolved from his blood guiltiness and is thereafter a free man, and no one may henceforth molest him.

On the other hand, if he were overtaken by his pursuers or were he prevented by the village guardians from reaching the pool he would speedily pay the penalty of his crime with his life.—London Answers.

### Proper Way to Ride.

"The fatigue of a long journey of which persons often complain," said an experienced traveler, "is quite unnecessary and comes from an unconscious effort to carry the train instead of letting the train carry us. This is in resisting the motion instead of relaxing and yielding to it. In a railroad car one should always rest the feet on the rail of the seat in front, if such is provided, as to keep the feet off the floor lessens the vibration that is conveyed to the body and prevents just that much strain. In a Pullman, where foot rests are not usually provided, a bag will do as well for a footstool if nothing else is to be had. The body, while you are sitting in a car, should be as completely relaxed as possible. Until one attempts this relaxation on a railroad car it is not noticed how tense is the effort to resist the motion, all of which is in direct accordance with modern physical culture, which has discovered that true repose goes further than mere nonaction."

### It Worked All Right.

One day a barber's shop in Liverpool had but one empty chair. A man wearing a very big hat and walking with a great deal of swagger, entered, hung his hat on a peg and then, drawing a revolver, turned to the idle man and said:

"I want a shave—just a common shave. I want no talk. Don't ask me if I want my hair cut or a shampoo. Don't speak of the weather or politics. If you speak to me, I'll shoot."

He took the chair, held the revolver across his legs and was shaved with promptness and dispatch.

When he got up he returned the shooter to his pocket, put on his hat and after a broad chuckle to the cashier said: "That's the way to keep a barber quiet. He didn't utter a word."

"No, sir; he couldn't."

"Couldn't?"

"No, sir; he's deaf and dumb."—Liverpool Mercury.

### Weary Widowhood.

The death of the husband not only blights the life of a Bengali widow, but makes the rest of her existence a state of unmitigated misery and privations. She is required to fast on every eleventh day of the moon, when she is debarred from all sorts of food and drink for twenty-four hours. Her sufferings from thirst on hot days of summer are extremely painful, but she must go through them. The widow must live on one meal a day and eschew meat and fish. She must renounce ornaments and all sorts of luxuries. The idea of such a state of misery of his widow keeps a man from hazardous enterprises, not because he is afraid to die, but because his death means so much misery to his wife.—East Indian Mirror.

### Naming the Picture.

The artist was of the impressionist school. He had just given the last touches to a purple and blue canvas when his wife came into the studio.

"My dear," said he, "this is the landscape I wanted you to suggest a title for."

"Why not call it 'Home?'" she said after a long look.

"'Home?' Why?"

"Because there's no place like it," she replied meekly.—Glasgow Times.

### The Same Medicine.

"Doctor, do you remember three years ago that you predicted positively that I would be a dead man in six weeks?"

"Why, yes, I"—

"Well, I've got a friend in the next room who is despondent about himself. Just tell him there is no hope for him, will you?"

### An Impossibility.

Jones (at side of friend killed in train wreck)—What were his last words, doc? Doctor (attending the victims)—There were none. His wife was present.—Bohemian Magazine.

### Had Time Enough.

Barber—Hair's going gray, sir. Little Binks—Expect it is. Haven't you nearly finished?

**The worship that is most acceptable comes from a cheerful and thankful heart.—Plutarch.**

### When Hypnotized Tramps Meet Death.

A No. 1, the well known tramp, states that riding upon the truck beams between the wheels of a flying passenger train or even of a slower going freight train is exceedingly difficult. The flying cinders deluge the eyes and at times make breathing almost impossible. More than this, he says that unless one strictly watches himself one is in danger of becoming hypnotized. The rhythmically pounding wheels jolting over the joints of the rails have a way of insistently commanding attention that is extremely dangerous. This noise, sharp and repeated with devilish persistence, can hypnotize the unwary, he says. Often he has had to use every resource of will power which he has in order to ward off the effects of this endless and mind compelling "click, click, click." He believes that many a tramp who has fallen to his death from the trucks has been first hypnotized in this way. This is perfectly sound psychology, and the probability of such hypnotism will be indorsed by any good specialist in this science.—Bohemian Magazine.

### A Winnipeg Sermon.

A story is going the rounds about one of the Winnipeg clergy, which he himself has told with great delight. A farmer and his wife came to Winnipeg on a visit, and on Sunday their host requested the farmer friend to go with him to church.

"No," said he, "I never go to church." And his wife backed up his assertion.

The visitor was finally persuaded to go to a local church and was told the pastor was also an American. After the service he was introduced to the pastor, and the following conversation took place:

"Well, doctor," said the visitor, "I enjoyed your sermon."

"I am very pleased to hear that," replied the pastor.

"You know," explained the farmer, "I do not go to church very often, but that sermon of yours was the least like a sermon I ever heard."—Winnipeg Telegram.

### Modern Witchcraft.

Says a correspondent of the London Chronicle: "This writer knows of a west country English farmer, a hard headed business man, who uses the latest machinery on his farm, yet holds the belief in pixies as firmly as any article of his religious creed. Having been visited by a series of minor misfortunes, he confided to the writer in the utmost seriousness his fear that he had offended a pixy by inadvertently stepping into a fairy ring and stated that he intended going on the morrow to the white witch at Exeter to get further misfortune averted. And this level headed business man took a day from his farm in the busiest time of the year and journeyed to Exeter and back—a matter of some sixty miles—for this purpose. On his return he was as one who had cast off a heavy burden. But the white witch's mysteries no persuasion could induce him to reveal."

### A Violin For a Vane.

One of the most curious vanes to be seen on any church in Great Britain is that at Great Gonerby, a parish adjoining Grantham, in Lincolnshire. It is in the form of a fiddle and a bow and is unusually large. Its history is a curious one. Many years ago a peasant resided in Great Gonerby who eked out a modest livelihood by performing on an old violin, which was almost a part of his life. At last he decided to emigrate and out in the far west prospered and became a rich man. One day he sent to the clergyman at Great Gonerby a sum sufficient to build a church and attached to the gift the curious condition that a metal replica of his old fiddle and bow should be on the summit of the edifice. The gift was accepted, and the vane may still be seen on the church.

### Club Stories.

Two stories are told of the time when the Athenaeum club, while its clubhouse was undergoing renovation, was hospitably taken in by the United Service club.

One was of a distinguished officer who, after a vain hunt for his umbrella, was heard to mutter, "That comes of letting those —— bishops into the club!"

The counterblast is to the effect that when an Athenaeum man, while his club was still the guest of the other, asked for the librarian, the answer was, "Please, sir, he is in the dining room carving the roast beef!"

### Took Him at His Word.

Gradgrind (to his employees)—Nobody but me is to touch that clock. Nobody is to begin or leave off work except as it indicates the time. Foreman—Yes, sir. Gradgrind (the next day)—Why, the day is one-fourth gone and nobody's at work! What does this mean? Foreman (meekly)—You forgot to wind the clock, sir.—London Fun.

### Cause of His Hilarity.

Green—I'd like that fellow Brown better if he didn't always laugh at his own jokes. White—Brown doesn't laugh at his own jokes. He laughs at you fellows who are silly enough to listen to them.—Illustrated Bits.

### Foretelling the Future.

Mrs. de Style—So your baby girl is three weeks old. My, how time flies! Mrs. Gunbusta—Yes. Just think in thirty years from now she will be twenty-one years old.—Sphinx.

### No Vices.

Nell—I don't suppose Mr. Sillicus has any vices? Belle—Vices! Why, he belongs to a glee club, an amateur theatrical society and writes poetry.—Philadelphia Record.


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U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Wednesday, Dec. 23:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 37 degrees; 8 P. M. 40 degrees; maximum 47 degrees; minimum 37 degrees; mean 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the month 1.98 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Wednesday morning 20 feet and rapid rise in progress.

**Weather Forecast.**

For North Carolina—Generally fair and warmer Thursday and Friday; fresh south winds.

**Port Calendar—Dec. 24.**

Sun Rises.....7:08 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:56 P. M.
Day's Length.....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 1:13 P. M.
High water at Wilmington 3:53 P. M.

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**Business Local.**

For Rent—30-Acre Farm.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. R. H. Burriss, of Maxton, was a visitor to the city yesterday on his way to Southport to spend Christmas with relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cherry, of Lewiston, N. C., will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Richter during the holidays.

—Master James Haddock has arrived to spend the holidays with his uncle, Mr. R. S. Haddock and with his nephew, Mr. Fred Russ.

—Miss Mary Baldwin Mitchell returned last evening from the State Normal at Greensboro and will spend the holidays at home in this city.

—Mr. E. M. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., is here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H. McL. Green, joining Mrs. Wilson and little son, who have been here for some time.

—Messrs. A. M. MacNair, of Maxton; M. M. Capps, of Jacksonville; E. M. Koonce, of Onslow, and B. R. Andrews, of Charlotte, were registered at The Orton yesterday.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Scarborough and Dr. W. R. Mood, of Summerton, S. C., were in the city yesterday to attend the Peterson-Scarborough nuptials.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Osborne and daughter, Miss Pauline Osborne, left yesterday afternoon for Brunswick, Ga., where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

—Mr. W. P. Toomer, traveling auditor for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., with headquarters in Richmond, Va., is in the city to spend the holidays.

—Representative C. Ed. Taylor, of Brunswick, came up yesterday evening from Southport and is on his way to spend the Christmas holidays at his old home in the county.

—Maj. Chas. M. Stedman and his personal friend, Col. W. H. Osborn, of Greensboro, N. C., are spending the Christmas holidays on Wrightsville Sound, where both reported they are having a most delightful time.

—The many friends of Mr. Henry Quinn, formerly deputy in the office of Colonel John D. Taylor, clerk of the Superior Court, are delighted to welcome him home to spend Christmas. He is now in the school of electrical instruction, United States Army, at Fortress Monroe, having been in the army several years and having served for a time in the Philippines. He is delighted with Army life and his chances for promotion are most excellent.

### PRETTY MARRIAGE EVENT

**Miss Belle Jones Becomes Bride of Mr. Willie M. Etue.**

The marriage of Miss Belle Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Jones, and Mr. Willie M. Etue, which was solemnized at St. Thomas' Catholic church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was attend by a large number of friends, and was one of the prettiest nuptial events of the week.

Father Dennen performed the ceremony and the bride was attended by her sister, Miss Rosa Jones, as maid-of-honor; Mr. J. G. Dawley was best man, and the other attendants were Miss Lala Lewis and Mr. Alex Russ. The church was prettily decorated for the happy event.

At the home, No. 705 South Fourth street, last evening from 7 until 10 o'clock, a large party of invited friends attended a reception given in honor of the couple by the parents of the bride. The couple were tendered the happiest congratulations of their friends and were the recipients of many handsome wedding presents. They have many friends in the city who will receive the marriage announcement with interest. Mr. Etue holds a position with the Southern Cooperage Company and they will make their home at No. 701 South Second street, where they will receive their friends.

### DIED.

CAMPBELL—In this city on the evening of the 23rd inst., MISS SOPHIA G. CAMPBELL, daughter of the late Mrs. Christian M. Campbell.

Funeral from Saint James' Church at 4 o'clock this (Thursday) afternoon; interment, Oakdale.

### LOCAL DOTS.

—A pretty Christmas entertainment attended by the patrons of the school was given at Delgado school yesterday, under the direction of Misses Grant and Myers, the teachers.

—The boys in the contest for the bicycle to be given away by J. M. Solky & Co. are requested to have their cards in by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

—The Orrell Livery Company, Third and Princess streets, is favoring friends and patrons with a very handsome calendar for the New Year, one of which the Star asknowledges with its thanks.

—The Junction Restaurant, always up-to-date in whatever it undertakes has just issued a very handsome calendar for the New Year. They are in two sizes, each bearing a handsome art design.

—The Star has with the compliments of Mr. B. D. Hamilton, superintendent in this city, a very handsome calendar for the New Year sent out by The Workers' Mutual Life and Health Insurance Co., of Newbern.

—A telegram received yesterday noon from Director Thiessen, of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Raleigh, says: "Cape Fear river will rise to about flood stage at Fayetteville by Thursday morning or night."

—The local freight offices of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line will be closed December 25th and 26th. The offices, however, will be open between the hours of 8 and 10 P. M. on the days named for delivery of perishable freight.

—On Christmas Day the Tidewater Power Company will operate its regular Sunday schedule of cars on the suburban line, which means a car each half hour in the afternoon with frequent trips during the remainder of the day and at night.

—H. A. Powers, a young white man from Faison, N. C., was arrested yesterday on Front street for drunkenness, and a pair of knucks was found on his person when he was searched at the City Hall. He will be given a hearing in the police court today.

—George Moore and James Patterson, both colored, for assault and disorderly conduct, were arrested by Deputy John Branch yesterday and tried in Justice Bornemann's court, where they were taxed with the costs and released.

—Ed Sampson, colored, on the charge of damage to personal property was recognized for appearance before Justice Furlong next Tuesday for trial. He was arrested on the affidavit of Ira McClammy, colored, who stated that the accused knocked a large box of candy off his shoulder on purpose and the contents were damaged.

—The Columbia State in its "railroad column" says: "There are at present four Atlantic Coast Line railway passenger conductors who spend about 18 hours lay over time in Columbia. These Knights of the punch and air whistle cord are the captains on trains Nos. 50, 51, 54 and 55, between this city and Wilmington, N. C. They are W. L. Harlowe, W. H. Pemberton, W. L. Jones and Tom Pae."

—A valuable gold watch lost on the street Monday by Conductor W. L. Gaskins, of the Tidewater Power Company, was recovered by the use of a small "want" ad. in yesterday morning's Star. It was picked up by a little girl who was waiting for the advertisement to appear, after which she promptly got in communication with the owner.

### CRIME AT HARTSVILLE, S. C.

**Law-Abiding South Carolina Community Under a Great Shadow.**

A leading Wilmington business firm has received from its correspondent in the town of Hartsville, S. C., near Darlington, an account of a most atrocious crime committed there on Monday night about 9 o'clock in the very heart of the residence section. In the midst of the demoralization of a carnival in full blast there and while many of the more substantial citizens were a short distance away to hear an address by the Hon. Champ Clark, of Missouri, an unknown person entered the home of a young married couple and criminally assaulted the wife under the very sanctity of her fireside, the husband being at his store attending to business. The carnival was about 200 yards to the southeast of the residence and being in full blast, the outcry of the victim of the terrible deed was not heard. The correspondent of the firm named says that a great shadow has been cast over the community and that while the excitement is intense, yet in the eyes and manner of every citizen there can be seen a determination which bodes no chance for the criminal if caught and identified. The community has a safe reputation for law and order, but if the criminal is apprehended, the worst consequences are feared and even the most conservative and influential citizens cannot prevent a public execution.

### PETERSON-SCARBOROUGH.

**Wilmington Young People Plight Their Troth at Hymen's Altar.**

The marriage of Miss Irene Alderman Peterson and Mr. Addison Malcolm Scarborough took place yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. C. Peterson, No. 315 Grace street. The marriage ceremony was performed by Pastor Fred D. Hale, of the First Baptist Church, and was witnessed by a number of relatives and a few close friends. Miss Helen F. Thompson, of New York, was maid of honor, and Miss Mary Claire Peterson, sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid. Mr. Scarborough was attended by Mr. Alvah Tindal Sublett, of Greenville, S. C., as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough left on the evening train for Florida where they will spend their honeymoon. They will be at home to their friends after January 6th, at 611 Grace street.

### NOTICE!

All boys in contest for bicycle given away by J. M. Solky & Co., will please have their cards in by 9 o'clock, Friday morning, December 25th. J. M. SOLKY & CO. **

## The Theatre

The Demorest Comedy Company is drawing good sized audiences in spite of the rush of the Christmas shopping and the festive spirit that keeps a person from being in the house these days. Last night the company gave a clever presentation of "Beyond the Rockies," and in connection presented a swell line of specialties. A big turkey was given away. Another fine fowl will be made a present to someone tonight, when the play will be the big modern suuccess, "The Midnight Elopement." The vaudeville for tonight will be of entirely different character from heretofore and will be decidedly bright and clever. Tomorrow afternoon the company will give a special Christmas matinee, when the bill will be "A Broken Heart." Seats for tonight are now on sale at Plummer's.

**Crystal Palace.**

Today will be a big combination one with the Crystal Palace, as a new and delightful change of programme is to be presented and tonight two big turkeys will be given away. One of the fowls will be presented to a lucky patron at the first performance and one at the second. There will be a complete change of a programme commencing this afternoon. Each act will be up-to-date and of most pleasing nature. Mr. Henry W. Angell will appear in a brand new sketch and one said to be "a hummer." The Palace is making big preparations for handling giant audiences Christmas day.

**At the Bijou.**

As a big Christmas eve offering this afternoon and tonight the Bijou will offer "A Hidden Treasure," which is said to be the best motion drama ever staged. It gives a glimpse of old Spain when "might was right" and the chivalric swords of the knights of old were wont to leap from their scabbards in defense of beauty and defiance of oppression. The opening scene is a wayside inn and the central figure in the drama is Don Jose de Sanchez, a poor nobleman, who gives quite a picturesque touch to the stirring scenes as given.

### CONSUMPTION OF COTTON

**Interesting Excerpt From Annual Report of Director North.**

From the daily cotton circular issued by Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son, of this city, the following paragraph as to American cotton consumption in the world, will be read with interest by the general public:

"The United States Government report by Director North shows the distribution of American cotton for the year ending August 31, 1908, as follows: Consumed in the United States, including that destroyed by fire, 34 per cent.; exported to Great Britain 22 per cent.; exported to Germany 17.8 per cent.; exported to France 6.7 per cent.; exported to Italy 3.2 per cent.; exported to Spain 1.9 per cent.; exported to Japan 1.4 per cent; exported to Belgium 1 per cent.; exported to Russia 0.8 per cent.; exported to Canada 0.8 per cent.; exported to all other countries 1.4 per cent; stocks remaining over in United States 9 per cent."

It is significant that the proportion of cotton exported to the several world markets by the United States is about the same as that maintained in the record of exports from Wilmington.

### HEELING FOR PROHIBITION.

**Quantities of Liquor Being Shipped From Wilmington and Bought Here**

To all outward bound passenger trains for the past two days there have been attached two or more extra express cars to handle liquor shipments, which, while always great at this time of the year, have now passed all records. Out-of-town purchasers are not only just now supplying their needs for a "Christmas dram" but are heeling themselves for prohibition which goes into effect all over the State on January 1st. The provision against the latter contingency has also been very general on the part of the bibulously inclined in Wilmington and the wholesale dealers for the past ten days have been doing a land office business. It is said that there will be little stock on hand with dealers in Wilmington when the curtain is rung down tomorrow night week.

Other "oases in the desert" in North Carolina are also reported to be doing great business, a dispatch from Salisbury stating that on Tuesday seven solid car loads of "John Barleycorn" were shipped out of that "port" on Tuesday.

**Willis Admitted Theft.**

Charged with the larceny of a pair of shoes, which he admitted, Pete Willis, Jr., colored, was tried before Justice Furlong yesterday morning and in default of a $50 bond was sent to jail for the higher court. Willis stole the shoes from another colored man named Will Bernard and produced a pawn ticket in court which was evidence that he had pawned them for $1.20, the amount being on the receipt.

### HOW TO PREVENT PNEUMONIA.

In every paper you pick up you will see where some good man has just died with this fearful disease pneumonia. Now we will give you one hundred dollars for any case of pneumonia that it fails to cure in your family, if you will use goose grease liniment as directed. It only costs you 25 cents a bottle, get it you have nothing to lose and all to gain, we know there are thousands who will read this and throw it aside and in a few days will be down with the disease. Please just get one bottle and put it away until you need it. If you haven't the money to buy it let us know and we will send you bottle free.

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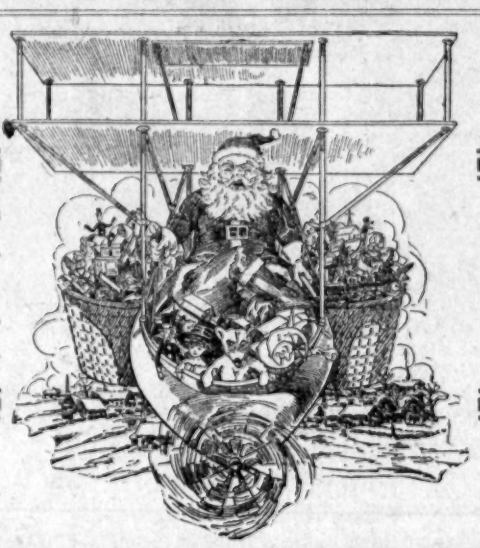

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### RED CROSS STAMPS ON SALE.

**Young Ladies in Attendance at the Postoffice—Again on New Year.**

Two young ladies, attractively attired in the costumes of Red Cross nurses in order that they may be easily distinguished among the throngs of holiday patrons, are in attendance at the postoffice for the purpose of furnishing all who desire to use them with the pretty little Red Cross stamps, which have grown to be such a fad in Wilmington for the present holidays. The stamps may be purchased from these young ladies in any quantities and everybody is invited to buy them—high and low, old and young, rich and poor. The cause for which these stamps are issued should be a sufficient incentive for their rapid sale. During the three weeks they have been on sale at places where there are branches of the Red Cross society, a dispatch says, the sales have been already over 20,000,000 and still they are going at a rapid pace. It is not too much to say that no Christmas package or greeting is complete without one of them.

**Miss Sophia G. Campbell Dead.**

Friends will be pained to learn of the death of Miss Sophia G. Campbell, which occurred last night at her home at the Carolina Apartments. She had been an invalid for some months and while her death was not unexpected, it came as a sad realization to the family and friends. She was a member of one of the oldest and most distinguished Cape Fear families and was a native of Wilmington. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon from Saint James' church and the interment will be in Oakdale.

**Negro Resisted Arrest.**

Eli Smith, colored, was placed in the guard house yesterday morning to await trial in the police court next Tuesday, charged with fast driving around corner of Front and Princess and for resisting an officer. The negro gave the officers a little trouble before he would submit to arrest and made efforts to strike Officer Leon George, but with assistance from Officer Rouse was carried to the City Hall without further trouble.

**Had a Close Call.**

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom Hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 50c and $1.00 Trial bottle free.

**Christmas Presents.**

Have you opened an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister or Child as a Christmas present? The Pass Book you receive will make a practical gift, you can open an account from twenty-five cents up. 3t

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Fine Mechanical Tools

Fine Tool Kits in Morocco Leather Cases, $5.00

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# PRESIDENT ELECT TAFT

**Distinguished Foreigner Visited Him At Augusta Yesterday—All Members of Taft Family to Spend Christmas Together.**

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Sir Horace Plunkitt, head of the Irish Department of Agriculture, and knighted for his interest and service in educational and agricultural matters, kept an appointment with President-elect Taft today, which was made for him by President Roosevelt. Sir Horace came on a late afternoon train from Washington and began his return to that city two hours later. The object of his visit was to ascertain to what extent the next President is interested in the conservation of the natural resources of the country and particularly regarding the country life commission. Sir Horace expressed himself as both highly pleased and greatly benefitted by what has been demonstrated to him in this country.

Mr. Taft indicated that his visitor departed in good spirits, the only regret being that on account of the delay of the arriving train, his interview was cut short.

Miss Helen Taft, the only daughter of the President-elect, and Mrs. Taft, arrived here today from Bryan Mawr, where she is attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents.

With the return from Savannah tomorrow of Robert Taft, the entire family of the President-elect will be together for the first time since his nomination for the Presidency last June. The Terrett cottage presents a holiday appearance, the decorations having been added to by holly and mistletoe brought in by countrymen, and cut flowers from the neighbors. Christmas dinner will be partaken of by the Tafts at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas. No preparations for a celebration of the day have been made. After partially deciding on a 20-mile trip to Aiken, S. C., tomorrow, as the guest of the Augusta and Aiken trolley road, Mr. Taft said tonight he believed it would be impossible for him to go at this time. The trip may be made later.

## THOS. F. RYAN TO RETIRE.

**Great Financier Has Resigned From Directorate of 34 Corporations.**

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas F. Ryan, admittedly one of the greatest powers in the financial world, announced today that, yielding to the advice of his physicians he had resigned from the directorate of 34 corporations. The only enterprises in the management of which Mr. Ryan retains a hand are the Morton Trust Company, the National Bank of Commerce, and the American Tobaco Company.

Mr. Ryan's action was taken in pursuance of a policy of retirement first adopted two years ago, when he was told by his physicians that the multiplicity of cares devolving upon him as the chief steersman of so many financial organizations were more than sufficient in themselves to tax the endurance of any one individual and was rapidly undermining his health. After a busy career of 40 years, most of which had been spent in mapping out and carrying to successful issue consolidations of street railway and lighting interests of gigantic magnitude, Mr. Ryan felt that he could unharness himself from his many business responsibilities and devote the remaining years of his life to comparative leisure.

## RESUME FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

**United States and Venezuela—Cruiser North Carolina Sent to La Guira.**

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.—After an interval of eight months, the United States government has resumed friendly relations with Venezuela and William I. Buchanan has left this country on the cruiser North Carolina in the capacity of a special commissioner to visit that country, look into the situation and make a report. Much will depend on the nature of the communications which he will make to the State Department among the question whether the United States will accord formal recognition to the government as it now exists, a decision dependent upon its ability to maintain a stable institution and to fulfil its treaty obligations.

The possibility that disorder may arise is indicated in the expression of a desire for an American warship at LaGuiara to which wish this government has promptly responded.

Secretary Root's face wore a pleased expression today when he made the announcement that it was President Gomez's wish to settle satisfactorily all international questions.

## WARM WIRELETS.

The tug Margaret, which arrived at Norfolk yesterday, reported the loss of her tow, the barge Rockland line No. 6, with a crew of five men.

Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Company, who was indicted following the insurance investigation in connection with his conduct while at the head of that company, was found dead in his bed at his home in New York yesterday, resulting from inhaling illuminating gas.

Near the close of its case against Thornton J. Hains, as a principal in the killing of William E. Annis, at Llushing, L. I., the prosecution yesterday produced a letter written by the defendant, which opens the way for Thornton Hains' lawyers to bring out other indictments in Capt. Hains' marital career.

**Headaches and Neuralgia from Colds. Laxative Bromo Quinine, the world wide Cold and grip remedy removes cause. Call for full name. Look for signature E. W. Grove. 25c.**

Balance of Xmas goods at special prices at Platt & Haar's today. **

# OIL TRUST IS OUSTED

**Supreme Court Missouri Hands Down Decision Forbidding Standard and Republic Companies In That State.**

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of Missouri, delivered a decision today ousting the Standard Oil Company, of Indiana, and the Republic Oil Company from the State, forbidding them ever again to do business in Missouri and dissolving the Waters-Pierce Oil Company of St. Louis.

In addition each of the companies is fined $50,000.

The court declared that the three oil companies had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in Missouri. The decree against the Waters-Pierce Company is tempered by the proviso that it may continue in business if, by January 15, 1909. it can show to the court that it has taken steps to operate an independent concern and has satisfied the judgment against it. The other companies are given until March 1, 1909 to wind up their affairs in the State.

The decision is so sweeping that Attorney General Hadley and Governor Folk hail it as the end of illegal commercial combinations in Missouri.

Attorney General Hadley, who has prosecuted the Missouri case since its inception in March 1908 will become governor in less than a month and will be charged with the enforcement of the decree issued today.

The Attorney General in a statement asserted that attempts had been made to compromise the suit, but he said he refused the offers of the attorneys for the oil companies.

In its decision the court says:

"If such abuses as those complained of are permitted to continue untrameled, it would only be a question of time until they would sap the strength and patroitism from the very foundations of our government, overturn the republic, destroy our free institutions and substitute in lieu thereof some other form of government."

The principal indictments against the companies are:

"That they have created and become members of a pool trust agreement, confederation, combination arrangement and understanding among themselves for the following purposes:

First. To regulate, fix and control the prices to be paid by retail dealers and others in the State of Missouri for refined products of petroleum sold and offered for sale in this State.

Second. To control and limit the trade in refined products of petroleum in this State.

Third. To control, limit and prevent competition in the business of buying and selling refined products of petroleum in this State between themselves and others engaged in like business; and,

Fourth, To mislead the public into the belief that they were separate and distinct corporations and pursuing an independent buisness as legitimate competitors in the purchase and sale of the products of petroleum."

The States ouster suit against the Standard, the Republic and the Waters-Pierce companies, was instituted almost four years ago. The evidence was taken in St. Louis and in New York. The ouster proceedings were begun in the Supreme Court in the nature of a Quo Warrento, charging that the three companies had entered into a combination in violation of the laws of the State.

## SAMUELS IS CONVICTED

**Murderer of Sheriff Flannagan Guilty of Murder in Second Degree.**

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Danville, Va., Dec. 23.—A verdict of murder in the second degree with punishment fixed at 18 years in prison was returned today by the jury in the case of W. Belt Samuels, who has been on trial here for the past week for killing Sheriff William V. Flannagan, of Draper, N. C.

Samuels, who is a former Danville saloon keeper, shot and killed Flannagan here on October 24th in front of the house of Eva Boyd a white woman. Jealousy over the Boyd woman was said to have been at the bottom of the killing. On account of having been convicted in the Federal courts for perjury, Samuels was barred as a witness in his own behalf.

The case was given to the jury yesterday afternoon and after remaining out an hour and a half, a disagreement was reported and court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. The jury remained thirty minutes today before returning a verdict.

### Accurate.

"See here, landlord," said an angry tenant after he had signed the contract for a year, "this house is full of sewer gas."

"Yes, that's what I told you."

"Told me?"

"Yes. You asked me if there was gas in every room, and I said there was."—London Answers.

### His Right Hand.

"My husband," said the fair bride, "says I am his right hand."

"I hope," rejoined her mother, "that he isn't like that man who never lets his right hand know what his left hand does."—Chicago News.


## EVERY HOUR OF THE DAY.

J. Frank Jarman, the reliable Druggist of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., is having calls for "HINDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic that they are selling under a positive guarantee.

Its merits are becoming the talk of the town and everynody wants to try it, and why not? It costs nothing if it don't do you good—not one cent.

They don't want your money if it does not benefit you, and will cheerfully refund the money. Try it today.


## OUR TIME STANDARDS.

**The Four Sections That Divide the United States.**

Every nation has its own time standard, but the United States has four. These time sections, as they are called, were introduced in the year 1883, chiefly for the benefit of the railroads, and are known as the eastern, central, mountain and Pacific. The eastern section extends from the Atlantic coast to an irregular line drawn from Detroit to Charleston, S. C.; the central includes all between this line and another extending from Bismarck, N. D., to the mouth of the Rio Grande river; the mountain extends from here to the western boundary of Montana, Idaho, Utah and Arizona, and the Pacific includes all the remainder of the country to the Pacific coast.

The difference in time between adjoining sections is one hour, so that when it is 12 o'clock in New York city it is 11 o'clock at Chicago, 10 o'clock at Denver and 9 o'clock at San Francisco. The true local time of any place is slower or faster than the standard time, according as the place is west or east of the time meridian. Thus the local time at Boston is sixteen minutes faster than eastern standard time, while at Buffalo it is sixteen minutes slower.—Harper's Weekly.

## WINNING A COAT.

**The Clever Scheme That Was Worked by a French Thief.**

A Frenchman had been attending the Comedie Francaise, and after the performance he took a gloomy byway in order to make a short cut to the Boulevard Montmartre. He noticed as he hastened through the dark a slight tug on his coattail, but to this he paid no attention. When he reached the bright boulevard, however, he found, to his great mortification, that one tail of his clawhammer coat had been cut off. He notified a journalist of his loss, and the next morning an account of the odd theft appeared in the Figaro. That afternoon a man in a blue uniform called on him.

"I come, monsieur," the man said, "from the bureau of police. We have captured a suspicious character who had in his pocket a piece of fine black cloth. Let me have your mutilated coat, sir. If the piece fits it, we will know that we have apprehended the man who robbed you."

The other surrendered his coat, and from that day to this he heard no more about it. The pretended official was, of course, the thief, who had adopted that aduacious means of getting the coat in order to atach to it the purloined tail

### Nonreversible.

Lang—Didn't you tell me that you made yourself solid with Mrs. Vane by asking her if she was herself or her daughter—couldn't tell them apart, and so on?

Strang—I did. What about it?

Lang—Why, I tried the same gag with the daughter, and it didn't go for a cent.—Boston Transcript.

### Took the Cue.

"Now," said the teacher, who had been describing the habits of bears, "what is the fiercest animal in the polar regions, Johnny?"

"Why—er—er," stammered Johnny.

"Come, don't you remember? The pol"—

"Oh, sure; the polecat!"—Philadelphia Press.

### An Explanation.

Little Dot—Mamma, I was playing with your best tea set while you were away, and when you bring it out for company you'll be shocked, 'cause you'll think one of the cups has a hair in it, but it isn't a hair. Mamma—What is it? Little Dot—It's only a crack.—Pick-Me-Up.

### Called the Turn.

"What's the old lady doing now?" asked the old stocking in the work basket.

"She's getting out her needle and yarn," replied the scissors.

"Well, well," exclaimed the stocking, "I'll be darned."—Philadelphia Press.


## DECIDE YOURSELF

**The Opportunity Is Here, Backed by Wilmington Testimony.**

Don't take our word for it.

Don't depend on a stranger's statement.

Read Wilmington endorsement.

Read the statements of Wilmington citizens.

And decide for yourself.

Here is one case of it:

S. C. Winner, Jeweler, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C., says: Doan's Kidney Pills were used in my family with the best of results. My wife complained a great deal of pains in her back and loins. She was also annoyed by the too frequent action of the kidneys. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills advertised, I decided to have her try them and procured a box at Robert R. Bellamy's drug store. Since using them she has not complained of backache and the kidney difficulty has disappeared. It is a pleasure to recommend Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name — Doan's — and take no other.


Balance of Xmas goods at special prices at Platt & Haar's today. **

## FISH SUPERSTITIONS.

**Queer Old Time Notions, Some of Which Still Survive.**

The one fish medicine of which modern science thoroughly approves is cod liver oil, and this, though in far less nauseous form than formerly, is swallowed in tons every year.

In old days a much wider use was made of fish as cures for various evils, and some of these practices have survived to the present day. Some little time ago a boy died of epilepsy in a north Wales parish. The doctor, called in too late, inquired if the deceased had been given any medicine. "Oh, yes," was the answer. "We caught a trout, drowned it in new milk and gave it to the boy."

Eels are supposed to possess all kinds of virtues. In the dark ages of medicine a powder made of eels' liver was considered an absolute specific for deafness and was also employed in cases of ague or fever. A decoction of eels' fat is still used by Dutch peasants as a remedy for falling hair.

But the most valuable part of the eel, according to popular superstition, is its skin. Many an old farmer wears a belt of eelskin as a preventive against rheumatism, and some believe that a garter made of the skin of this snake-like fish worn next to the human skin as a preventive not only against rheumatism, but also against sprains or similar injuries.

Another cure for rheumatism, which finds favor with salt water fishermen, is a red herring. The herring being the most plentiful of all the sea fish, a number of superstitions have attached themselves to it. For luck through the ensuing year one must be sure to eat a herring on New Year's day.

Fishermen believe that each shoal is headed by a king herring, which is more than double as large as any of its followers. They believe that when one of the "kings" comes up in the net it should be thrown overboard; otherwise the next day's fishing will be a failure.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

### No Mercy.

Mistress—Sarah Jane, what has happened? Sarah Jane—Oh, mum, I've fallen down the stairs and broken my neck! Mistress (firmly)—Well, whatever you've broken will be deducted from your wages.—Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.

### He Could Not Will.

"Can you lend me a fiver, old fellow?"

"Surely I can."

"But will you?"

"Ah, my will power has utterly deserted me these days!"—Town Topics.

### Motoring.

"Motoring is the very poetry of motion."

"Except when you have a smashup!"

"No; even then—it's blank verse!"—London Opinion.

### A Healthy Family.

"Our whole family has enjoyed good health since we began using Dr. King's New Life Pills, three years ago," says L. A. Bartlet, of Rural Route 1, Guilford, Maine. They cleanse and tone the system in a gentle way that does you good. 25c. at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

Balance of Xmas goods at special prices at Platt & Haar's today. **


## STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

**The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.**

**Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.**

**The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.**



FOR RENT QUICK—30-acre farm, good house, barn, fruit trees and vines, on Shell road, three miles from the city. Address P. O. Box 906, Wilmington, N. C. de 24-6t.

LOST—Monday night, a lady's hunting case gold watch with chain attached. Initials "P. C." engraved on watch. Reward if left at this office. de 23-1t*

TWO YOUNG GENTLEMEN, or a man and wife can secure room and board by addressing "X. Z." care of Star. de 23-2t.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying Angola Lumber Co aug 30 tf

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays. de 5-tf.

DELMONICO CAFE—Blue Point oysters on half shell and quail on toast. de 1-1m

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 713. sep 22-tf

FOR SALE—A four-room cottage, in center of city on car line. Has gas, water, electric lights and telephone. Splendid neighborhood. Address "B. S. W." care of Star office. noc 25-tf.

FOR SALE—One sorrel horse, weighing 1,400 pounds, 7 years old; well broke, kind and gentle, sound in every way. Will sell or exchange for two smaller horses. This horse too large for our purpose. Address C. M. Faircloth, Clinton, N. C. dec 11 4w

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION—New series B. & L. stock. Walker Taylor, president; W. M. Cumming, secretary. de 18 tf ex su

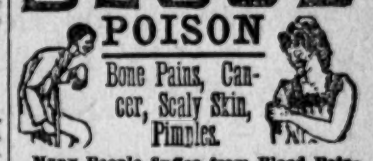
PHOTOGRAPHS—Visit the U. C. Ellis Studio for bright, clear, artistic photographs that don't fade. At reasonable prices. dec 3 tf

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager. de 6 tf

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets; junction of all cars. Cars to depot. Steam heat, electric light and hot water. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. oct 25 tf



# BLOOD POISON




**Many People Suffer from Blood Poison and don't know it. Read Symptoms. Easily cured by B. B. B.**

For twenty-five years Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.), has been curing yearly thousands of sufferers from Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison, and all forms of Blood and Skin Diseases. We solicit the most obstinate cases If you have aches and pains in Bones, Back or Joints, Mucus Patches in mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, Itching, watery blisters or open humors, Risings or pimples of Eczema, take B. B. B. It kills the poison, makes the blood pure and rich, completely changing the entire body into a clean, healthy condition, healing every sore and stopping all aches, pains and itching.

BOTANIC BLOOD BALM (B B. B.) is pleasant and safe to take; composed of pure Botanic ingredients. It purifies and enriches the blood. SAMPLE SENT FREE by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. DRUGGISTS, or by express, $1 PER BOTTLE, with directions for home cure.



BURRETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
405 Southern Building.
dec



# FOR MEN ONLY

R-est easy, and smoke a "RUGBY CIGAR,"
U-nequaled and proclaimed the BEST ONES by far,
G-reat comfort you'll find, they give after each meal,
B-uy a box from your dealer and much happier you'll feel.
Y-our troubles will all vanish in rich RUGBY smoke.

C-onsoled you'll feel, even if you are broke.
I-n introducing this brand, we give a neat RUGBY pin,
G-reat smokers all wear them, and don't think it's a sin,
A-ll wise men recommend this special brand,
R-ight now is the time, while your dealer has them on hand.

DAN BENTON, Fourth and Nun.
B. JONES, Front and Castle.
SOUTHSIDE DRUG CO., Front and Castle.
RICHARD PADRICK, Front and Wooster.
CHAS. MICHAELIS, Front and Dawson.
A. H. BENSON, Third and Wright.
B. B. BROWN, Fourth and Dawson.
CAROLINA CANDY STORE, Sixth and Castle.
NEW HANOVER CANDY STORE, 605 North Fourth.
E. J. CONWAY, 609 Castle Street.
T. J. VANN, Eighth and Castle.
W. J. MALLARD, Ninth and Queen.
PEOPLE'S CASH GROCERY, Seventh and Orange.
W. C. MUNDS, Ninth and Market.

The above is only a partial list of the local dealers handling the Rugby Cigars, as the supply of souvenir Rugby Foot Ball pins, were soon exhausted, a complete list will be given as soon as more pins arrive and can be placed in the hands of the local distrbutors.

## CRESCENT CANDY COMPANY
WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS
WILMINGTON :: :: :: NORTH CAROLINA.
de 20-6t.



# $2.50 for $1.25

From now until January 1st we will sell every day instead of Saturday only Bunting's "Saturday Special" Cigars at $1.25 per box for cash. None at this price will be charged on the books and not less than a box will be sold at a time. This "Saturday Special" cigar is a genuine 10c cigar and makes a handsome and worthy Christmas gift for the most fastidious smoker. You will make no mistake in presenting one or more boxes of this cigar to your best friend, whether husband or sweetheart.

Bunting's "Havana Firsts" until January 1st, at special price of $1.75 per box of 50—an elegant 5c cigar.

## J. HICKS BUNTING DRUG CO.
FRONT AND GRACE STREETS.
"The Store That Has Everything Anybody Else Has and Some Things Nobody Else Has.
dec 20 tf



# "Schlitz Beer
## Brewery Bottling"
## To Consumers

In casks of ten dozen pints at . . . . . $12

DELIVERED IN WILMINGTON.

After January 1st price will be $13.00, F. O. B. Wilmington, we shipping from Richmond, Va. 20c per dozen allowed for empty bottles returned.

## SOL. BEAR & CO.
'Phone 866. Wilmington, N. C.



NORTH CAROLINA BUCKWHEAT & MAPLE SYRUP
J. HARGROVE TAYLOR
131 Market St. GROCER. Phone 1052
nov 13 tf

## SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Concord Times: Commencing last Friday night and continuing until the close of the holiday season, the Southern railway will operate trains Nos. 35 and 38 in two sections in order to accommodate the heavy trade during the holidays.

—Newbern Journal: The Free Press reports that smallpox in a virulent form has broken out in Falling Creek township, Lenoir county. Six cases have so far been located and there are a number of suspects. An epidemic is feared as a great many people had been exposed to the disease before it was recognized.

Newbern Journal: Nothing is heard about whether the city authorities are going to have any shade trees or not. The destruction of trees in Newbern the past six months ought to be looked upon as a serious matter for it is. This generation will scarcely live long enough to see any shade trees here to boast of. Then why not begin the work of planting as early as possible.

—Newbern Sun: A sensation has been sprung among the society folks of Newbern. It is rumored about town that a breach of promise suit will be brought by a beautiful and charming maiden of our city against a very prominent young merchant who also resides here. The outcome of this most important affair will be watched with interest.

—Winston-Journal: A permanent organization of the Law and Order League was effected at a mass meeting of citizens in the Y. M. C. A. biulding Sunday afternoon, active steps were taken to see that no "near beer" saloons were established in the city, and a committee was appointed to draft a bill to be presented to the next legislature providing for the establishment of a medical depository similar to the one now being operated in Union county.

—Greensboro Telegram: Yesterday Mr. Lee H. Battle, against whom a bill of indictment was returned by the grand jury at the term of Federal Court at Charlotte last week, appeared before United States Commissioner J. M. Wolfe and gave bond in the sum of $10,000 for his appearance at the term of United States court to be held here in April, 1909. Mr. Battle was prepared to give bond in the sum of $150,000 or over had he been required to do so.

—Wadesboro Ansonian: Mr. Caswell Redfearn of White Store township had quite an interesting experience a few days ago when his bird dog set a large coon in a tree near his home. This coon, it seems, had been making himself very much at home in that quiet community and had been seen a number of times by different ones. But Mr. Redfearn, like most of us, did not know that it was a coon and called in some neighbors, after he shot the "varmint," to find out what manner of beast it was.

—Concord Tribune: There was an unusually large number of country people in the city today, considering the bad weather, representing all sections of the county. The Tribune man circulated pretty freely among the people on the streets and to his surprise learned that a rumor has gone out over the county to the effect that Henry Young, the negro who assaulted Mrs. Moss in Stanly county last week had been brought here for safe keeping, a lynching having been threatened in that county.

—One of the best-furnished and neatest country residences in Anson was burned to the ground early Sunday morning when Rev. J. E. McSwain's home in Ansonville township was completely destroyed. The house and its contents were easily worth $2,500, and unfortunately there was not a cent of insurance on either the building or contents. The fire was first discovered in the ceiling of an upstairs room, about 3 o'clock in the morning. By the time the members of the family who were at home could reach the place, the flames had made so much headway that it was impossible to save anything except a bed and a few articles of furniture.

—Lexington, N. C., Dec. 22.—The cry of wolf, wolf when there was no wolf came very near causing the death of a negro man near Lexington a night or two since. As it was he was painfully wounded on the neck where he received a load of shot from a gun in the hands of a small colored individual who took him for a wolf. Bud Fuller, a small negro boy, had been accustomed to pass through a certain piece of woodland just after dark in the evening so as to accompany his sister home, who was working on the opposite side, she being afraid to come through the woods alone. Several parties told the boy that a wolf had been seen wandering around in the woods and he had better look out. He took the statements as true, and the general reputation of the woods, which are known as the Gypsy woods, added to his fright. He accordingly armed himself with a shotgun and also carried his dog along to warn him of the approach of the wolf. When in the heart of the woodland a noise was heard among the leaves not far ahead and the dog suddenly stopped and dashed back of his master. This convinced the boy that a wolf was ahead and aiming the best he could at the dark object pulled the trigger. Simultaneous with firing of the gun he dropped the weapon and fled for his home, accompanied by the dog. It was not until later that the negro was shot, Alonza Shoaf, learned the cause of the shooting.

**Christmas Presents.**

Have you opened an account with The People's Savings Bank in name of Wife, Mother, Sister or Child as a Christmas present? The Pass Book you receive will make a practical gift, you can open an account from twenty-five cents up. 3t


# TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION!

## Geo. O. Gaylord's Big Stores

are distributing Toys of every kind in great abundance to old Santa Claus. The Christmas shopping has begun in earnest and we are trying hard to please everyone. In the great selection of goods we are showing, you are most sure to find what you want. Our stock is not broken, every department is replenished every day from our Wholesale Department. We own this great immense stock of goods, bought direct from the manufacturer, and we can, and we do sell cheaper than the others. It is up to us to prove it, and I am glad of the opportunity to do so. We have an assortment of all kinds of wagons, both wood and iron from the small steel wagon at 10c up to a large farm wagon at $7.50 each. We have goat harness at $1.75, and Goat Sulkies for $2.50, extra shafts for $1.00 a set. Doll carriages, the new collapsible kind, which fold up, for $2.50. Wood and Reed Carriages from 25c to $4.50. We just received a nice line of Children's Carriages for the real live baby, the kind that has rubber tires, folding tops, collapsible frame, the Carriage that you can't get elsewhere for $12.50, our special Christmas price $7.50 and $8.50 each.

In Doll Babies for the home Christmas tree or Sunday Schools, sold exclusively at wholesale prices in all kinds and styles from 1c each to $7.50 each. Our line of 10c dolls are 15 inches tall with bisque heads with hair and teeth and movable limbs, a doll that is worth 25c you can buy from us at 10c each.

Ladies Cloaks—We have just bought a large assortment of new samples at half price. A $7.00 Cloak sold for $3.98; $5.00 Cloak for $2.69; a $10.00 Cloak for $5.00. A big reduction in Cloaks all through the line. Remember we have hundreds of cloaks to sell and the price is no object. A beautiful assortment of Bear skin Cloaks just received today for the children. Listen for the Christmas chimes and be ready on time, and let us help you out in getting together the assortment of presents that you want. Remember, the store that has fifty clerks and each one is anxious to please you.

## The Big Store On Front Street

GEO. O. GAYLORD,

PROPRIETOR.



COAL :-: WOOD

—and—

Builders' Supplies

W. B. THORPE & CO.

Phone 789. Office, Foot Ann St.

nov 21 tf

**An Enviable Spirit**

is that of the man watching another take a drink of our Liquor, and a "spirit to be envied" is that same Liquor. It is mild, delicate, delicious in flavor, yet has the right "smack" that afterwards gives the body a warm glow throughout. And it is the kind you will take pride in offering to a caller at the house—for he will appreciate it also. Try a sample and then hear our prices.

**Southern Distilling Company**

M Seligman, Manager. Phone 248.

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# New Money

This bank is prepared to furnish Gold and New Currency to those wishing to use at Christmas.

THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK

dec 22 tf


**EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.**

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Zillah Fowler, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, this is to notify all persons owing the estate to make prompt settlement to the undersigned and all persons having claims against the estate to present same to me on or before the 9th day of December, 1909, or else this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. MRS. L. H. BURNETT.

de 10-oaw-6t. Executrix.


**Xmas at The Palace Market**

Venison, Nice Tomatoes, New River and Norfolk Oysters, Fancy Celery, Good Lettuce and everything extra to be found in the meat, fruit and vegetable line. You'll get it this week if you call.

Phone No. 72.

**Palace Market**

dec 22 tf



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Cuban Blossom

CIGARS!

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Because It is the Best Cigar for the Money.

H. L. VOLLERS

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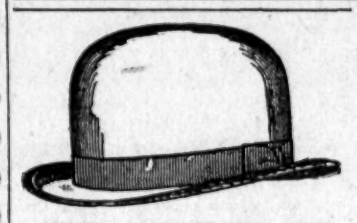

THE MONTH OF GIFTS

What shall I give for Christmas?

Every article in our holiday stock is an answer. Suits, Hats, Shirts, Caps, Umbrellas, Suit Cases, Grips, Fancy Vests, Gloves and Ties are all appropriate gifts and will be appreciated.

**HAMME**

The Hatter and Clothier

24 NORTH FRONT STREET.

dec 20 tf

**The Christmas Season**

is at hand and Gifts for all must be provided.

Do you know of any gift to the family or friend which would be appreciated as much as one of our Bank Books with a few dollars to their credit?

Make the deposit today while this suggestion is fresh in your mind.

4 per cent. interest compounded quarterly will start Jan. 1st.

**Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.**

MATT J. HEYER, President.
MILTON CALDER, Cashier.
Southern Bldg. Opp. Postoffice.
nov 18-tf.



EXCURSION RATES

VIA

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

ACCOUNT

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tickets on sale December 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st, 1908 and January 1st, 1909, limited to return not later than January 6th, 1909.

For further information, reservations, etc. Phone 160.

T. C. WHITE,
General Passenger Agent.

W. J. CRAIG,
Passenger Traffic Manager.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Dressed Turkeys, Geese, And Chickens.

Fresh Eggs, Butter, Sliced Hams Raw or Boiled. Breakfast Bacon, Bologna Liver Pudding, Souce, German Metwurst, Genuine all Pork Sausage, Country Pig Pork, The finest Beef, VEAL, LAMB and Mutton to be found in the CITY. POLITE ATTENTION and QUICK DELIVERY OUR MOTTO.

**HOPKINS & DAVIS**

FOUR STALLS, FRONT STREET MARKET. PHONES 141 and 128

dec 12 tf



**REMOVAL**

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street, where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

GUION, The Barber.


## Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Schedule effective November 29th, 1908. Subject to change without notice.

Direct and shortest line to the principal cities, South and Southwest, also connects at Hamlet with Vestibule Trains North.

Tickets for passage for all trains are sold by this Company and accepted by the passenger with the understanding that this Company will not be responsible for failure to run its trains on schedule time or for any such delays as may be incident to their operation. Care is exercised to give correct time of connecting lines but this Company is not responsible for errors or omissions.

TRAINS ARRIVE AT WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

No. 44 at 12:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local stations.

No. 40 arrives 12:20 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh, No. 81 from New York and Washington, and all points North and South.

TRAINS LEAVE WILMINGTON AS FOLLOWS.

| | No. 45 | No. 39. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. Wilm't'n... | 4:45 A. M. | 3:00 P. M. |
| Ar. Lumb't'n... | 7:11 A. M. | 5:43 P. M. |
| Ar. Maxton.... | 7:52 A. M. | 6:35 P. M. |
| Ar. Hamlet.... | 8:45 A. M. | 7:30 P. M. |
| Lv. Hamlet.... | 9:05 A. M. | 8:10 P. M. |
| Ar. Monroe.... | 10:50 A. M. | 10:20 P. M. |
| Ar. Ch'lotte.... | 11:35 A. M. | 11:30 P. M. |

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points North at Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No. 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth, Norfolk and No. 43 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or Call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS,
Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER,
Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
C. H. Gattis,
Traveling Passenger Agent.
Raleigh, N. C.

## Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect Sept. 7, 1908.

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as connections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

| | No. 48. | No. 42. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. Wilmington .. | 9:00 am | 7:00 pm |
| Ar. Goldsboro ..... | 12:03 pm | 9:55 pm |
| Ar Wilson ..... | 1:00 m | 10:53 pm |
| Ar. Rocky Mount... | 1:35 pm | 11:30 pm |
| Ar. Weldon..... | 4:55 pm | 2:36 pm |
| Ar Norfolk ..... | 5:55 pm | |
| Ar. Petersburg.... | 7:00 pm | 4:30 am |
| Ar. Richmond ..... | 8:00 pm | 5:10 am |
| Ar. Washington.... | 11:50 pm | 8:40 am |
| Ar. Baltimore..... | 1:41 am | 10:00 am |
| Ar. Philadelphia... | 4:21 am | 12:18 pm |
| Ar. New York..... | 7:23 am | 2:45 pm |

SOUTHBOUND.

| | No. 41. | No. 43. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv New York ..... | 9:25 am | 9:25 pm |
| Ar Philadelphia ... | 11:37 am | 12:15 am |
| Ar Baltimore ..... | 2:12 pm | 2:51 am |
| Ar Washington .... | 3:45 pm | 4:20 am |
| Lv Norfolk ..... | | 8:25 am |
| Lv Richmond ..... | 7:25 pm | 8:15 am |
| Ar Petersburg .... | 8:05 pm | 9:03 am |
| Ar Weldon..... | 9:59 pm | 11:28 am |
| Ar Rocky Mount .. | 11:03 pm | 12:55 pm |
| Ar Wilson..... | 11:47 pm | 1:58 pm |
| Ar Goldsboro..... | 6:15 am | 2:00 pm |
| Ar. Wilmington ... | 9:25 am | 6:10 pm |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

| | Daily. | Daily. | Daily. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lv. Wil't'n | 5:15 am | 3:30 pm | 7:00 pm |
| Ar. Flor.. | 9:05 am | 7:20 pm | 4:30 am |
| Ar Col'bia | 12:25 pm | 10:45 pm | |
| Ar. Ch'st'n | 1:10 pm | 11:15 pm | 7:30 am |
| Ar. Sa'n.. | 6:20 pm | 2:10 am | 9:54 am |
| Ar. Jk'ville | | 7 15 am | 2:20 pm |
| Ar. Tampa | | 6:25 pm | 12:15 am |

NORTHBOUND.

| | Daily. | Daily. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. Tampa..... | 8:55 pm | 7:00 am |
| Lv. Jacksonville... | 8:55 am | 7:45 pm |
| Ar. Savannah..... | 1:05 pm | 11:59 pm |
| Lv. Charleston..... | 5:30 pm | 5:20 am |
| Lv. Columbia..... | 4:30 pm | 6:00 am |
| Ar. Florence ..... | 7:15 pm | 2:55 am |
| Ar. Wilmington.... | 12:45 am | 1:20 pm |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

| | Westbound. Daily. | Eastbound Daily. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. Wilmington.. | 8:40 am | Ar 8:05 pm |
| Lv. Fayetteville. | 12:10 pm | Ar 4:45 pm |
| Ar. Sanford..... | 1:40 pm | Lv 3:30 pm |

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

| | Northbound. | Southbound. |
|---|---|---|
| Lv. Wilmington.. | 3:20 pm | 1:00 pm |
| Ar. Newbern ... | 7:00 pm | Lv. 9:15 am |

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 65 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

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**IT EATS DIRT**

Gets all the dirt, all the time, every time.

The "Invincible" Renovator. The greater Proven efficiency of this machine over all devices and methods for renovating instantly commends its adoption where cost of labor, time and economy are a consideration. Carpets, rugs and draperies cleaned without wear or tear, give us a trial. Phone 870 and our representative will call to see you.

CAROLINA RENOVATING CO.

Rooms 23-27 Odd Fellows Bldg., 3rd and Princess streets.

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## SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect, Saturday, October 10, 1908.

TO

## THE BEACH

FROM WILMINGTON.

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 3:00, 4:30, 7:00, 8:30 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00 8:30 P. M.

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TO WILMINGTON FROM WRIGHTSVILLE

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:20, 7:25, 7:55, 8:25, 9:25, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:55, 5:25, 7:25, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 I. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:55 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:25, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:25, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:45, 10:45 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

TO GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO FROM WILMINGTON

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:30, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 A. M., 1:00, *2:25, 3:00, *3:45, 4:30 *5:05, 6:00, *6:05, 7:00, *7:05, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:25, 8:30, *9:05, 10:00, 11:30 A. M. *12:05, 1:00, *1:25, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM GOLF LINKS AND DELGADO

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 6:35, 7:45, 8:10, 8:40, 9:40, 11:10 A. M., 12:40, 2:10, *2:35, *3:55, 4:10, *5:15, 5:40, *6:15, 6:40, *7:15, 8:10, *9:15, 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at *8:35, *9:15, 10:10, 11:10 A M., *12:15, 12:40, *1:35, 2:10, 3:40, 4:10, 4:40, 5:15, 5:40, 6:10, 7:10 8:1 , 9:40, 10:45, 11:45 P. M.

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## WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Market, steady 37 1-2c.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, firm $1.60.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $1.75 per barrel for hard; $2.75 for dip and $2.75 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin nothing doing; tar nothing doing; crude turpentine firm $2.00, $3.00 and $3.00.

### RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Spirits Turpentine | 8 |
| Rosin | 90 |
| Tar | 145 |
| Crude Turpentine | 2 |

Receipts—Same day last year, — Casks spirits turpentine; 148 barrels rosin; 68 barrels tar; 20 barrels crude turpentine.

## COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 8 5-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady, 10 13-16 cents.

Receipts—2,295 bales, same day last year 4,244 bales.

## PRODUCE MARKET.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, December 20th.)

PEANUTS—North Carolina prime 65@75c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c; Virginia, prime 60@65c; extra prime 70@75c; Spanish, 75@80c.

CORN—Firm, 97 1-2c per bushel for white; 92 1-2@95 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, old 17c, shoulders 11 @12 1-2c; sides 12 1-2c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@35c for large springs; growns, dull, 35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5c per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2c per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dr. flint, 10; green, dull 7c. per pound.

IRISH POTATOES—New 80 and 90c per bushel.

SWEET—POTATOES—Dull at 50c per bushel for yams.

WOOL—Free of burr, 15c; burry wool 10 to 12c.

TURKEYS—On foot 12 to 13c; 14 to 18c dressed. Dull demand.

GEESE—Dull 50c per head; dressed 50c.

PORK—Good demand 6 to 8c; corn fed 8c for small pork.

## THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The cotton market today was nervous and irregular, closing steady at a net advance of 6 points to a decline of 2 points. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales.

The market opened steady at an advance of 3 points on December but generally unchanged to 2 points lower in response to the cables, and while December remained relatively steady the active months were easy immediately after the call under local bear pressure with prices selling off to a net loss of about 4 to 5 points.

There seemed to be more or less nervousness regarding the December situation, however, only 6 days remaining for trading in the month, and the development of a moderate demand from shorts, started quite a bulge in the general list during the middle of the day. December sold up to 9.06 or ten points net higher and later position showed a net gain of about 3 to 5 points. Trading was moderately active on this advance, but seemed to be chiefly local and toward the close the market eased off from the best under realizing. Reports of steadier Southern markets helped prices during the middle of the day.

Receipts at the ports today were 67,609 bales against 49,970 last week and 34,942 last year; for the week 360,000 bales against 408,415 last week and 356,611 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 13,192 bales against 12,018 last year, and at Houston 7,512 bales against 14,414 last year.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 5 points advance; middling uplands 9.30; middling gulf 9.55; sales 1,400 bales. Futures opened and closed steady.

| Month | Open | Close |
|---|---|---|
| December | 8.99 | 9.02 |
| January | 8.63 | 8.61 |
| February | —— | 8.66 |
| March | 8.74 | 8.73 |
| April | —— | 8.76 |
| May | 8.81 | 8.81 |
| June | —— | 8.79 |
| July | 8.77 | 8.80 |
| August | —— | 8.72 |
| September | —— | 8.58 |
| October | 8.56 | 8.58 |

## PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Firm, 8 13-16; net receipts 20,870; stocks 282,502.

New Orleans—Quiet, 8 11-16; net receipts 13,192; stocks 300,169.

Mobile—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 1,751; stock 81,147.

Savannah—Firm, 8 3-8; net receipts 9,194; stock 170,736.

Charleston—Firm, 8 5-16; net receipts 760; stock 27,886.

Wilmington—Quiet, 8 5-16; net receipts 2,295; stock 27,468.

Norfolk—Firm, 8 7-8; net receipts 5,613; stock 38,050.

Baltimore—Firm, 8 7-8; stocks 29,756.

New York—Quiet, 9.30; net receipts 836; stock 168,963.

Boston—Quiet, 9.30; net receipts 68.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 9.55; net receipts 3,924.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 67,609; Continent 15,319; Japan 4,502; Mexico 2,150; stock 1,151,095.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 248,530; Great Britain 125,321; France 20,742; Continent 69,810; Japan 4,502; Mexico 2,150.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 5,939,051; Great Britain 1,701,265; France 601,579; Continent 1,808,622; Japan 59,140; Mexico 4,103.

## INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 8 13-16; net receipts 7,512; stock 149,237.

Augusta—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 1,475; 102,653.

Memphis—Steady, 8 7-8; net receipts 3,990; stock 177,827.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9; net receipts 992; stock 3,817.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 934; stock 18,904.

Louisville—Firm, 9.

Total today—Net receipts 14,903; gross receipts 24,092; shipments 23,872; sales 5,167; stock 486,738.

## LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—Spot, cotton in better demand, prices 5 points higher. American middling fair 5.44; good middling 5.08; middling 4.90; low middling 4.70; good ordinary 4.19; ordinary 3.79. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales of which 300 were for speculation and export and included 7,600 American. Receipts 24,000 bales including 20,100 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. December 4.72 1-2; December and January 4.70 1-2; January and February 4.70; February and March 4.69 1-2; March and April 4.69; April and May 4.69 1-2; May and June 4.70; June and July 4.70 1-2; July and August 4.70; August and September 4.64; September and October 4.59 1-2; October and November 4.56 1-2; November and December 4.54 1-2; December and January 4.54; January and February 4.53 1-2.

## THE DRY GOCDS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The dry goods market in the primary division will close very largely on the day following Christmas. Trade is steadier but is still seasonably quiet. Cotton goods and yarns do not show the weakness noted a week or ten days ago. Retailers are seeking to place advance orders on silk piece goods for spring. An advance in ribbons is announced to take place after the first of the year. Knit goods and hosiery are generally quiet.

## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—The speculative community remained convinced today that important realignments are in progress or in contemplation in railroad relations. The first effect of the announced purchase of control of the Colorado and Southern by the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy had a mixture of misgiving as a possible prelude to a renewed outbreak of the antagonisms which figured in the Northern Securities settlement. That misgiving has passed away, apparently and the incident has come to be accepted as an unmixed encouragement to speculative enthusiasm. Its influence was very manifest today as yesterday. The market was spotty at times, owing partly to the reactionary tendency of some of the minor stocks which figured most prominently in the rumors of yesterday. The usually favored mediums for speculative activity also were belated in their response to the upward movement and were pressed for sale in some cases. It is noticeable also, that an active speculation is in progress in bonds of a class which might be lifted from a condition of doubtful security under the separate control of a higher grade security with the companies affairs in control of a powerful corporation of first class credit. The speculative element in these dealings was plainly manifest in the violent reactions which occurred today in the prices of some of them which rose most yesterday, the price movement being quite as wide in some of these cases as in the shares. The investment demand for first class bonds continues excellent and the ready absorption of new bond issues as fast as they are offered constitutes one of the strong underlying conditions of the present financial situation. Large incursions are making still on the cash holidays of the banks. Today's sub-treasury operations disclosed a withdrawal of $3,584,000 from the banks undobutedly due to a further payment of subscriptions to the Panama bonds. This brings the loss of the banks on this account for the present banking week up to $6,253,000. There is a falling off in demand for time loans and an unwillingness to pay the current asking rates which argues an expectation that easier terms will be procurable after the turn of the year. The market showed no aspect at any time of what is called holiday dullness, the day's business proving a large one both in stocks and bonds. Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, were $10,636,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call. Total sales of stocks today were 1,246,000 shares.

## FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Money on call firm 2 3-4 to 3 1-4 per cent.; ruling rate 3 1-4 per cent.; closing bid 3 per cent.; offered at 3 1-4 per cent. Time loans dull and easier; sixty and ninety days offered at 3 1-2; six months 3 3-4 to 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 to 4 1-2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8505 to 4.8515 for sixty day bills and at 4.8705 for demand. Commercial bills 4.84 1-2 to 4.85. Bar silver 48 3-4. Mexican dollars 45.

## NEW YORK BONDS.

| | |
|---|---|
| U. S. refunding 2s reg | 103 |
| U. S. refunding 2s cou | 104 |
| U. S. 3s reg | 100 3-4 |
| U. S. 3s cou | 100 3-4 |
| U. S. 4s reg | 120 1-4 |
| U. S. 4s cou | 121 |
| Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s | 108 1-2 |
| Atlantic Coast Line 4s | 96 3-8 |
| Baltimore & Ohio 4s | 101 |
| L. & N. Unified 4s | 101 1-2 |
| Seaboard Air Line 4s b | 64 |
| Southern Railway 5s | 110 |
| U. S. Steel 5s | 102 3-8 |

### Closing Stock Lists.

| | |
|---|---|
| Amalgamated Copper | 81 |
| Amr. Car & Foundry | 47 |
| Amr. Car & Foundry pfd | 107 3-8 |
| Amr. Cotton Oil Co. | 43 |
| Amr. Locomotive | 56 1-4 |
| Amr. Smelting & Ref | 83 1-2 |
| Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd | 100 1-2 |
| American Sugar Refining | 128 3-4 |
| Amr. Tobacco pfd | 92 1-2 |
| Atchison | 97 1-4 |
| Atchison pfd | 102 |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 107 1-2 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 109 3-8 |
| Baltimore & Ohio pfd | 91 1-2 |
| Chesapeake & Ohio | 57 3-4 |
| Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul. | 148 3-4 |
| Colorado Southern | 57 |
| Erie | 33 7-8 |
| Erie 1st pfd | 49 |
| Erie 2nd pfd | 38 3-4 |
| Great Northern pfd | 145 3-8 |
| Kansas City Southern | 39 1-8 |
| Kansas City Southern pfd | 69 1-4 |
| L. & N. | 122 3-4 |
| Norfolk & Western | 84 1-2 |
| Northern Pacific | 141 |
| Pennsylvania | 130 1-8 |
| People's Gas | 105 3-8 |
| Reading | 140 |
| Rock Island Co. | 24 |
| Rock Island Co. pfd | 61 3-8 |
| Southern Pacific | 119 3-8 |
| Southern Pacific pfd | 112 3-8 |
| Southern Railway | 25 5-8 |
| Southern Railway pfd | 59 7-8 |
| Standard Oil Co. | 688 |
| Union Pacific | 181 3-8 |
| U. S. Steel | 54 1-8 |
| U. S. Steel pfd | 112 |
| Va.-Car. Chemical | 43 1-2 |
| Va.-Car. Chemical pfd | 113 1-2 |
| Western Union ex div | 67 |
| Westinghouse Electric Co. | 86 |

## NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Flour about steady; receipts 37,343.

Rye Flour, Rye, Buckwheat Flour and Buckwheat—Dull.

Corn Meal—Firm.

Barley—Steady.

Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.07 3-4 to 1.09 1-4 elevator. Options were 1-4c net higher. Dec. 1.09 7-8; May 1.11; July 1.04 3-4.

Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 65 to arrive elevator. Options closed 1c higher on December and 1-4c up on otherwise. Dec. 66; May, July and Sept. 67 5-8.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 54 to 54 1-2; natural white 54 to 57; clipped white 56 1-2 to 62.

Lard—Strong.

Pork and Tallow—Firm.

Molasses and Rice—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3.17 to 3.20; centrifugal 96 test 3.67 to 3.70; confectioner's A, 4.50; mould A, 5.00; cut loaf 5.45; crushed 5.35; powdered 4.75; granulated 4.65; cubes 4.90.

Coffee—Spot quiet; Rio No. 7, 6 5-8; Santos No. 4, 7 7-8 to 8 1-8. Mild—Dull; Cordova 9 1-4 to 12 1-2. Futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower.

Butter—Firm; creamery specials 32 1-2; official price 32; extras 31 to 32; third to firsts 23 to 30;; held creamery, common to special 22 to 29 1-4.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Firmer; Pennsylvania and nearby brown and mixed fancy 34 to 36; fair to choice 31 to 33.

Peanuts and Freights—Quiet, unchanged.

Potatoes—Firm, unchanged.

Cabbages—Easy, unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Firmer on speculative bull support and strength of hog products. Prime crude 30; prime summer yellow 38 1-4 to 39; off summer yellow 37 1-4 to 38 1-2; good off summer yellow 37 3-4 to 38 3-4; prime white 40 to 44; prime winter yellow 44 1-2 to 48.

## CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Covering by shorts in the December delivery caused firmness in the wheat market here today, final quotations showing net gains of 1-4 to 5-8c. Corn, oats and provisions also closed firm.

Leading futures were as follows:

| | Open | High | Close |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat. | | | |
| Dec. | 1 01 5-8 | 1 02 1-4 | 1 02 1-4 |
| May | 1 06 | 1 06 1-2 | 1 06 1-2 |
| July | 97 7-8 | 98 3-8 | 98 1-4 |
| Corn. | | | |
| Dec. | 57 1-4 | 58 | 57 1-4 |
| May | 60 3-4 | 61 | 61 |
| July | 60 3-8 | 61 1-8 | 61 |
| Oats. | | | |
| Dec. | 49 1-2 | 50 1-4 | 50 |
| May | 51 5-8 | 51 7-8 | 51 7-8 |
| July | 46 5-8 | 46 7-8 | 46 7-8 |
| Mess Pork, per bbl. | | | |
| Jan. | 15 97 1-2 | 16 22 1-2 | 16 22 1-2 |
| May | 16 25 | 16 55 | 16 55 |
| Lard, per 100 lbs. | | | |
| Jan. | 9 35 | 9 55 | 9 55 |
| May | 9 55 | 9 75 | 9 75 |
| Short Ribs, per 100 lbs. | | | |
| Jan. | 8 27 1-2 | 8 40 | 8 40 |
| May | 8 57 1-2 | 8 72 1-2 | 8 72 1-2 |

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady. No. 2 spring wheat 1.06 to 1.08; No. 3, 99 to 1.06; No. 2 red 1.02 7-8 to 1.03 1-2. No. 2 corn 58 to 58 1-4; No. 2 yellow 58 1-4 to 58 1-2. No. 2 white oats 51 1-2; No. 3 white 48 to 51. No. 2 rye 73 1-2 to 74. Good feeding barley 58 1-2 to 59 1-2. Fair to choice malting 61 to 64. No. 1 Northwestern flax seed 1.46 3-4. Prime timothy seed 3.80. Clover contract grades 9.10. Short ribs, sides (loose) 7.87 1-2 to 8.37 1-2. Mess pork, per bbl. 14.75 to 14.87 1-2. Lard, per 100 lbs. 9.52 1-2. Short clear sides (boxed) 8.37 1-2 to 8.62 1-2.

## NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 23.—Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet.

Charleston, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm 37 3-4. Rosin firm. A B C, 2.87 1-2; D E, 2.87 1-2.

Savannah, Dec. 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 39 1-4; sales 36; receipts 607; shipments 130. Rosin firm; sales 2,442; receipts 3,843; shipments 921; stock 156,592. Quote: B D E, 3.00; F, 3.02 1-2; G, 3.00; H, 3.40; I, 4.15; K, 5.10; M, 5.80; N, 6.15; WG, 6.40; WW, 6.50.

# MARINE

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Schr. John H. May, 319 tons, Stille, Jersey City, C. D. Maffitt.

Schr. Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, Carteret, N. J., C. D. Maffitt.

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## BY RIVER AND RAIL.

### Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 23, 1908.

C. C. Railroad—78 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 35 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—267 bales cotton; 29 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—1,529 bales cotton; 67 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—378 bales cotton; 37 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—42 bales cotton.

Schr. J. C. Allen—1 bale cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 55 barrels rosin.

Total—2,295 bales cotton; 8 casks spirits turpentine; 90 barrels rosin; 145 barrels tar; 2 barrels crude turpentine.

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Eriphia, (Ger.) 1,295 tons, Bellman, Heide & Co.

**Schooners.**

Horace P. Shares, 392 tons, Flynn, C. D. Maffitt.

Joel L. Cook, 319 tons, Loveland, C. D. Maffitt.

Millie R. Bohannan, 570 tons, Little, C. D. Maffitt.

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Joel F. Sheppard, 493 tons, Sheppard, C. D. Maffitt.

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Kineo, 1,867 tons, Patton, C. D. Maffitt.

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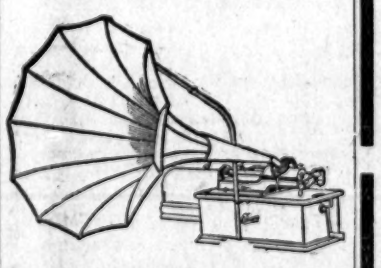

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# TALE OF GRAFT FROM PITTSBURG

## Thunderbolt of Sensation Exploded in Pennsylvania's Great Industrial Centre.

## CORRUPTION ON HUGE SCALE

### Municipal Councilmen Sell Their Votes—Bribery by Wholesale. Cheap Guys Called Hoodlums By Big Grafters.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Pitssburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—With a suddenness that startled Pittsburg from end to end, this city today moved into first place in the role of corruption and municipal graft.

Late tonight many hours after thunderbolts in the shape of sensational testimony were exploded the people of Pittsburg are dumbfounded. It is stated the shocking developments here today are mere preliminaries and subsequent steps against additional councilment and business men will not only startle Pittsburg but the whole country. It was intimated strongly in the testimony in court today that over three score council men are "easy to reach," and the "reaching" necessitated only small sums ranging from $100 to $5. In the passage of one ordinance alone it was testified that sixty councilmen had divided $45,000.

Sensations followed one another in rapid succession during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officers were arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vilsack, former president and cashier of the German National Bank, were first placed on trial. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Kleine, one of the accused, who stated the bank would be made a depositary for the city's funds in the event "the German National Bank would do as other banks have done." After several conferences, the bankers placed $17,500 on a table in a room of the bank. Councilman Kleine and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the bank. The bankers then visited the room and the money was gone.

At the request of the directors of the bank both men resigned last Saturday. They were held for court in the sum of $14,000 bail each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and members Kleine, Soffel, Wasson, Melaney and Ferguson, of Common Council, and Atkinson, of Select Council, were then called for trial. The principal witness was Robert Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the Voters' League of Pittsburg, which brings the prosecution against the nine defendants. Mr. Wilson's testimony was sensational.

Aided by an assistant, Wilson engaged a room in a local hotel and he testified, cut holes in the door and walls of an adjoining room. Then a series of meetings were arranged with councilmen. His assistant, Herbert Jones, posed as a business man desiring his conferences with the Counsing his conferecences with the councilman Kleine had a great deal to say regarding how complete councils were controlled by the accused men, the detective said. It was also testified that Klein and Brand each accepted $500 from Jones in payment for securing the passage of an ordinance.

At a meeting held in another local hotel, Klein, it was testified, told Wilson how hard it was to divide money among the councilmen. Councilman Klein told of how $45,000 had to be split between sixty councilmen. This money was received in connection with the construction of filter beds at the new filtration plant of Pittsburg. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted $100, some $75 some $25 and some $5. According to Councilman Klein, Wilson related, the $5 men were known as "hoodlums."

It was also possible to secure some councilmanic votes on some measures in return for a suit of clothes or for street car tickets.

With the exception of Klein and Wasson, all of the defendants renewed their bonds for appearance for court trial and were released. In the aggregate the bonds amounted to $118,000.

Klein and Wasson succeeded in securing $30,000 bond wtih friends as sureties.

### HEARING TO END TODAY

#### Six Witnesses Examined—Application For Bail For Coopers.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 23.—Six witnesses were examined today in the hearing before Judge Hart, in the criminal court, on the application for bail for Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin, and former Sheriff John D. Sharp, charged with murdering former Senator E. W. Carmack. Counsel for the defense assured the court that every effort would be made to complete the hearing tomorrow. If this is found impossible, a recess will be taken until Monday.

Today's testimony added little to what is already known of the killing of Senator Carmack.

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# TENNESSEE NIGHT RIDERS

### Men Accused of Murder of Captain Rankin Hope to Prove Alibi—Several Members of Band Give Damaging Testimony.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When the State asked for an adjournment of the night rider trial late today, it announced that it would close its case on Thursday. The judge declared that instead of adjourning tomorrow until Saturday, it might be better to adjourn until Monday in order to give the defense a chance to prepare its case. This question will be decided tomorrow.

The defense will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that the men were at home and in bed during the night of October 19, the night that Captain Rankin was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts the nights that other outrages were perpetrated, as the defendants are indicted only for the murder of Rankin.

When William Russell, the self-confessed "night rider," was called for cross-examination today, a huge revolver projected from his pocket. The State's attorney sent the witness out of the court room to dispose of the weapon.

The defense elicited from the witness that after he was arrested by the soldiers, he was told by some men that he knew about the murder. They added that they would not be under guard always and they often punched him throuugh the tent. The men who did this were not soldiers but citizens. He thought they were riders. The court declined to let this testimony go on before the jury.

The State attempted to show that Russell had been threatened with death since the trial began. He said he had been so threatened, but as the prosecution could not connect the threat with the defendants the testimony was excluded.

Warren Morris was the third confessed night rider to take the stand for the State. He was brought into court under a strong guard of soldiers and deputies. Morris said he was sworn into the band by Garrett Johnson, one of the defendants, and accompanied the riders on nearly all of their night rides, as recounted by Fehringer. He was one of the four men to hold the horses the night Rankin was murdered. His story was a close corroboration of all that Fehringer and Russell had told. Morris said he recognized at the Rankin murder Sam Applewhite, Garrett Johnson, Bob Hoffman, "Bud" Morris, Frank Fehringer and eight others not yet on trial. Cross-examination failed to shake the witness on any detail.

Herschell Hogg, another night rider who has turned States evidence, followed and for the fourth time the story of the night riders' outrages culminating in the Rankin murder, was told to the jury. Like the others, Hogg said Governor Patterson promised him a pardon and then send him out of the State if he would tell the truth.

Former Deputy Sheriff William M. Mayo, a confessed member of the night riders, told of making one raid with the band.

### FIERCE STORM SWEEPS SEA.

#### Several Ships in Distress at Norfolk. Sixty-Mile Wind.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Dec. 23.—A fierce storm which swept this coast last night with a maximum velocity at Cape Henry of 60 miles an hour, has passed to sea and the storm center was today over the ocean, making it hazardous for all shipping caught in its sweeping path. During the morning the big steamship Alvemore, coming in from the outside, was blown aground in lower Chesapeake Bay about half a mile west of Lynn Haven inlet. The Cape Henry life savers left at once to lend aid to the crew of the vessel.

The Cuban government steamer Correos was towed here this afternoon after a severe experience in last night's storm. Her house was smashed almost to bits and her joiner work was a complete wreck. The Correos sailed from New York and was caught in the storm short of provisions.

An unknown four-masted schooner is flying distress signals off False Cape, Va.

The British steamer Avanmore, heretofore reported ashore near Lynn Haven inlet, is almost high and dry. She is now safe. Wrecking tugs are standing by.

### CASTRO IN IGNORANCE

#### In Berlin Hospital—Unaware of Actions in Venezuela.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Cipriano Castra, the dictator of Venezuela, deposed by his people and discredited by his government is lying on a sick bed in Berlin in complete ignorance of the events at Caracas that have resulted in his downfall. Castro is reposing in a private sanitarium in this city, the subject of the consultation of eminent physician. The entire forenoon today was given up to observation of the patient and consultation on the part of the specialists summoned to examine him. While all the eyes of the world are turned on this Venezuelan, Castro is occupied primarily in a fight against a serious malady.

**Where Bullets Flew.**

David Parker, of Fayette, N. Y., a veteran of the civil war, who lost a foot at Gettysburg, says: "The good Electric Bitters have done is worth more than five hundred dollars to me. I spent much money doctoring for a bad case of stomach trouble, to little purpose. I then tried Electric Bitters, and they cured me. I now take them as a tonic, and they keep me strong and well." 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

# LABOR LEADERS GO TO JAIL

## President Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, Sentenced For Contempt.

## BOYCOTTING IS CRIMINAL

### Court's Decision Creates Consternation in Labor Circles—Union Appeal to President Roosevelt to Interfere With Sentence.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 23.— Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president, nine months for John Mitchell, one of the vice presidents, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today, for contempt of court in violating an order previously issued enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "We don't patronize list" the Buck Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis, Mo.

All three of the defendants were in court. Notice of an appeal to the Court of Appeals of the Distirct of Columbia at once was filed. Gompers being released on $5,000 bond, Mitchell on $4,000, and Morrison on $3,000.

In addition to the wife and daughter of Gompers, there were present a number of local labor leaders and others who were attracted by the notice that a decision in the famous case would be announced today. Mr. Gompers' family were visibly affected.

With tears coursing down his cheeks, President Gompers heard the order of the court which condemned him to prison for a year. Both Mitchell and Morrison seemed stunned by the sentence, althouugh Mitchell appeared to be the least concerned. Asked if he had anything to say why sentence should not be pronounced, President Gompers declared that he had not consciously violated any law. There was much he would like to say, he said, but he could not do it at that time. He added, however, that "this is a struggle of the working people of our country and it is a struggle of the working people for the right. It is a struggle of the ages—a struggle of the men of labor to throw off some of the burdens which have been heaped upon them; to abolish some of the wrongs and to secure some of the rights too long denied."

Mitchell and Morrison confined themselves to an endorsement of what Mr. Gompers had said.

The decision of Justice Wright, which consumed two hours and 20 minutes in reading, was one of the most scathing arraignments that ever came from the bench in this city. He recited the conditions anteceding the injunction and referred to the fact that for 25 years the Bucks plant operated as a ten-hour shop and always had maintained an "open shop." The court read extracts from numbers of resolutions of labor organizations bearing on the Bucks case as tending to show the methods of influencing members of unions "and these methods," the court remarked, "seem to be known as 'persuasion'."

The customers of the stove company, the court said, had been intimidated, brow-beaten and coerced out of their business relations with their customers "by direct interference with and boycott of their (the customers) trade relations with their own customers and the public generally."

Following an exhaustive decision of conspiracies in restraint of trade, Justice Wright said: "From the foregoing it ought to seem apparent to thoughtful men that the defendants to the bill, each and all of them, have combined together for the purpose of

"1. Bringing about the breach of plaintiff's existing contracts with others;

"2. Depriving plaintiff of property (the value of the good will of its business) without due process of law;

"3. Restraining trade among the several States.

"4. Restraining commerce among the several States."

The ultimate purpose of the defendants, the court said in this connection, was unlawful, their concerted project an offense against the law, and, it added, they were guilty of crime.

Coming to the question of the violation of the court's injunction, Justice Wright Said:

"That Gompers and others had in advance of the injunction determined to violate it if issued, and had in advance of the injunction, counseled all members of labor unions and of the American Federation of Labor and the public generally to violate it in case it should be issued, appears from the following, which references point out also the general plan and mutual understanding of the organization and their various members."

The court here read a mass of extracts from reports of proceedings of conventions of the Federation, reports of President Gompers, editorials from the columns of the American Federationist, and the labor press generally, in support of his statement that there was a pre-determination to violate the court's injunction.

The court, after quoting at great length the attitude today by Mr. Gompers since the injunction was issued, his writings, interviews and public addresses, remarked:

"All of which was done, all of which was published, all of which was circulated in wilful disobedience and deliberate violation of the injunction and for the purpose of inciting and accomplishing the violation generally, and in pursuance of the original common design of himself and confederates, to bring about the breach of plaintiff's existing contracts with others, deprive plaintiff of property (the good will of its business) without due process of law; restrain trade among the several States."

As to Secretary Frank Morrison, the court declared that he had full knowledge of all that was being done, took part in the preparation and publication of the American Federationist of April, 1908, with complete knowledge of its contents.

Concerning Mitchell, the court pointed to various acts by him, which, he said placed him within the pale of the law. Continuing as to all three of the defendants the court said:

"In defense of the charges now at bar, neither apology nor extenuation is deemed fit to be embraced; no claim of unmeant contumacy is heard; persisting in contemptuous violation of the order, no defense is offered save these:

"That the injunction (1) infringed the constitutional guaranty of freedom of the press, and (2) infringed the constitutional guaranty of freedom of speech."

In connection with the consideration of the contention that the injunction invaded the right of free speech and of the press, the court held in part:

"The position of the respondents involves questions vital to the preservation of social order, questions vital to the preservation of social order, questions which smite the foundations of civil government, and upon which the supremacy of the law over anarchy and riot verily depend."

In the opinion of the court, even where a tribunal had fallen into error, in the determination of a cause in which it was invested with jurisdiction to "hear and determine," the duty and necessity of obedience remained nevertheless the same.

In conclusion, the court said in part:

"Before the injunction was granted these men announced that neither they nor the American Federation of Labor would obey it; since it was issued they have refused to obey it; and through the American Federation of Labor disobedience has been successfully achieved and the law has been made to fail; not only has the law failed in its effort to arrest a widespread wrong, but the injury has grown more destructive since the injunction than it was before. There is a studied, determined, defiant conflict precipitated in the light of open day between the decrees of a tribunal ordained by the Government of the Federal Union, and of the tribunals of another federation, grown up in the land. One or the other must succumb, for those who would unlaw the law are public enemies."

In passing sentence on the defendants, the court said:

"It would seem not inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from following after such outlawed examples; will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals, and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law."

The Bucks Stove Company's prosecution of the officials of the Federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a test case wherein it was sought to enjoin the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in their fight against firms and individuals. Justice Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, issued an injunction which was later made permanent, forbidding the publication of the companys name in these lists. President Gompers, in an editorial in "The Federationist" of last January, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in derogation of the rights of labor and an abuse of the injunctive power of the courts. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison subsequently were cited for contempt and this phase of the case has been before the court for many months, the proceedings taking the form of a hearing of testimony before an examiner and many arguments.

Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country, in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided, it was stated at the White House today. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The Illinois United Mine Workers sent this telegram signed by President John H. Walker, the vice president, secretary treasurer, and members of the executive board:

"In the name of 75,000 mine workers in Illinois, we desire to protest against the recent decision committing to penal servitude those great commoners, and representatives of the American labor movement, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison. These men may be guilty of a breach of law, but a law that denies the use of a free press and full speech is a breach of the fundamental principles of our country. Such decisions only tend to create enmity and class hatred. We respectfully solicit your influence to prevent the incarceration of these men."

### AFTERMATH BLOODY DUEL

#### Georgia Town Rests Under Death-Like Pall—Walters Still Living.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Ocilla, Ga., Dec. 23.—Twenty-four hours after the bloody duel which cost the lives of Leonard Smith, Charlie Moore and Virgil Moore, and inflicted fatal injuries upon Policeman Cain Walters, the town tonight rests under a death-like pall, with little evidence of the holiday spirit manifest.

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